IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No.1144 of 2026

Santosh Kumar Mahanta .... ***Petitioner(s)***

Mr. Deepak Kumar Sahoo, Adv.

-versus-

The State of Odisha .... ***Opposite Party(s)***

Smt. Sarita Moharana, ASC

CORAM:
HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

Order No. **ORDER**

01. **10.04.2026**

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.

2. The Petitioner has filed this CRLMC assailing the order of NBW dated 02.03.2026 issued by the learned J.M.F.C (CT), Keonjhar in G.R. Case No.307 of 2018, against him.

3. Heard.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner has been on bail since long. He was regularly attending the court on each date of posting of the case. However, on 02.03.2026, the Petitioner could not remain present in court due to noncommunication by the conducting Counsel. Hence, the learned Court in *seisin* over the matter issued the order of N.B.W. against him. He further submits that the Petitioner undertakes to cooperate till the end of the trial and appear before the

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learned court below on each date of posting of the case without fail.

5. In view of such facts and submissions made by the learned counsel for the Petitioner, this Court is inclined to allow the present CRLMC. Accordingly, the order of N.B.W issued to the Petitioner on 02.03.2026 by the learned Court below in the aforesaid case is, hereby, quashed.

6. The Petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned court in *seisin* over the matter in the aforesaid case and move for bail within a period of fifteen working days hence. In such event, the said court shall release him on bail with some stringent conditions. In addition, the Petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.500/- (rupees five hundred only) as cost for violating the court's order, in favour of the District Court Bar Association, Keonjhar. The said amount shall be utilized for the purpose of purchasing of books in the Bar Library. Receipt showing deposit of the cost shall be presented before the learned court in *seisin* over the matter.

7. Accordingly, this CRLMC is disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

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