IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMP No.1514 of 2026
CNR No.ODHC010659892026

Nilima Acharya .... ***Petitioner(s)***

Mr. Laxman Pradhan, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and others .... ***Opposite Party (s)***

Mr. R.B. Dash, ASC

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER

Order No. **28.10.2026**

02. **1.** The petitioner, by invoking the jurisdiction of this Court under Articles 226 & 227 of the Constitution of India is seeking to explore the following relief:

> *"It is therefore prayed that your Honour would be graciously pleased to pass order directing the I.O. & I.I.C., Sahidnagar, Police Station i.e. O.P. No.3 & 4 to enquire the Sahidnagar P.S. Case No.282 dt. 22.05.2026 within the process of POSH Act & BNSS, 2023 implicating the accused persons and seized the C.C. Footage of the entire office of H.D.F.C. Life premised dt. 22.05.2026 & file the Charge-Sheet.*
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> *And for this act of your kindness, the petitioner shall as in duty bound ever pray."*

2. The matter was taken up for hearing on 08.10.2026. On that day, learned counsel for the State was directed to obtain instruction in the present case. Pursuant thereto, the IIC, Saheed Nagar P.S., Bhubaneswar UPD has submitted a report dated 25.10.2026, *inter alia*, stating as under:

> *"With reference to the letter and subject cited above, I have the honor to submit herewith the report in compliance with the order dated 08.10.2026.*
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> *That, on the basis of the written report submitted by the petitioner, Nilima Acharya, Saheed Nagar P.S. Case No.282, dated 22.05.2026, was registered under Sections 126(2)/ 296/ 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and the case was taken up for investigation.*
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> *During the course of investigation, the spot was visited, and the petitioner as well as other witnesses were examined.*
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> *That, during the course of investigation, it was revealed that the petitioner and the alleged accused persons, namely Anil Kumar Sahoo and Preetismita Sahoo, are employed at the HDFC Life office near IDBI Chowk, which falls within the jurisdiction of this Police Station. It was further revealed that Anil Kumar Sahoo and Preetismita Sahoo had been working in the said company for the past 15 years and shared a codial relationship. On the other hand, the petitioner had joined the said company only about two months prior to the lodging of the FIR. It was alleged that the petitioner*

frequently interfered in their personal and professional affairs, resulting in an unpleasant working environment. It was also revealed during the investigation that, a few days prior to the alleged incident, the petitioner had allegedly slapped Preetismita Sahoo, following which relations among them had remained strained.

However, the investigation of the case is still in progress. Necessary and appropriate steps shall be taken in accordance with law against the alleged accused persons, as warranted by the evidence collected and the findings of the investigation.

Submitted for favour of kind perusal and necessary orders."

The said report is taken on record.

3. Since the investigation in the present case is proceeding at an expected pace, no further direction is required to be passed in this case.

4. Accordingly, the CRLMP stands disposed of.

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

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