IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLMP No.1735 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010794772026

Sarita Bharalawala ***.....*** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Alok Kumar Mohapatra

-versus-

State Of Odisha & Others ***.....*** ***Opposite Parties***

Represented by Adv. – J. Nayak, AGA

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

Order No. **06.11.2026**

01. 1. Heard.

2. The petitioner by invoking the jurisdiction of this Court under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India is seeking the following reliefs:-

> *"That it is prayed, therefore, that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to*
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> *(i) direct the Opposite Parties, more particularly the Opposite Party Nos. 4 to 6, to take all further steps as may be necessary to conclude the investigation in Mangalabag-P.S. Case No. 249 of 2026 and to submit the final report before the competent Court within such time as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit;*
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> *(ii) direct the Opposite Parties to take steps in accordance with law for the apprehension of the other accused persons, including issuance of process under the provisions of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, if so required;*

(iii) direct the Investigating Officer to collect all relevant documentary and electronic evidence, to trace the bank accounts of the accused persons and their company, and to take such steps as may be warranted in law for securing the cheated amount.

and pass any other order/orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

And for this act of kindness the petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray."

3. At the instance of the petitioner, Managalabag P.S. Case No.249 of 2026 has been registered on 03.07.2026 for the alleged commission of offence punishable under Section 3(5), 316(2) and 318(2) of the BNS, 2023.

4. The grievance of the petitioner is that, despite the F.I.R. has been registered three months back, the investigation has not progressed.

5. Learned State Counsel on instruction submitted that the investigation is in progress at expected pace and one of the accused person has already been arrested.

6. In view of the aforesaid submissions, this Court is not inclined to issue any specific direction in the matter at this stage. However, it is expected that, the Opposite Party No.5 shall do well to see that the investigation is conducted fairly and concluded expeditiously. The final report under Section 173 of the Cr.P.C. (corresponding to Section 193 of the B.N.S.S. 2023) shall be submitted before the Court of competent jurisdiction without any unnecessary delay.

7. Accordingly, the CRLMP is disposed of.

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

Rati Ranjan

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