IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLMC No.3891 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010808192026

Jayakrushna Sahu **.....** ***Petitioner***
Represented by Adv.
- Bhabani Shankar
Dasparida

-versus-

State Of Odisha & Others **.....** ***Opp. Parties***
Represented by Adv. –
J. Nayak, AGA

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

ORDER
30.10.2026

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01. 1. The petitioner has been convicted by the learned J.M.F.C., Soro, by judgment dated 07.03.2025 for the offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, in connection with dishonour of a cheque for an amount of Rs.30,78,000/- (Rupees thirty lakh seventy-eight thousand). While convicting the petitioner, the learned Trial Court directed him to pay compensation of Rs.60,00,000/-. Challenging the said judgment, the petitioner preferred Crl. Appeal No.19 of 2025 before the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, Soro.

2. By admitting the appeal vide order dated 01.07.2025 the learned Addl. District & Sessions Judge,

Soro, directed the petitioner to deposit 20% of the compensation amount within a period of 15 days in terms of Section 148 of the N.I. Act. The petitioner did not deposit the amount within the stipulated period granted by the learned Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Soro. Therefore,on 16.05.2025, the learned J.M.F.C., Soro issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against him for non-compliance of the direction to deposit 20% of the compensation amount. Being aggrieved by the same, the petitioner has approached this Court.

3. At the outset, Mr. Dasparida, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, submits that the petitioner is willing to deposit 20% of the compensation amount as directed by the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, Soro. He, however, seeks one month's time to comply with the said direction.

4. Regard being had to the submission made by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to dispose of this CRLMC with a direction to the petitioner to deposit 20% of the compensation amount, as directed by the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, Soro vide order dated 01.07.2025 passed in Crl. Appeal No.19 of 2025, on or before 25.11.2026. Till the said date, the non-bailable warrant issued on 16.05.2025 by the learned J.M.F.C., Soro, shall not be executed. It is made clear that no further extension of time shall be granted to the petitioner on any ground.

5. With the aforesaid directions, this CRLMC is disposed of.

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

Rati Ranjan /Subhasish

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