IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMP No. 1785 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010813272026

Prabhat Nalini Sethi …. ***Petitioner(s)***

Mr. B. Tripathy, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & Ors. …. ***Opp. Party(s)***

Mr. Tej Kumar, ASC

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER

Order No. **16.11.2026**

01. 1. Heard.

2. The petitioner is the complainant in connection with Pipipi P.S. Case No. 490 registered on 04.08.2026 against the accused persons for the alleged commission of offence under sections 108/3(5) of BNS. The petitioner has filed this petition seeking following relief:-

> *"It is therefore, most respectfully prayed to this Hon'ble Court, graciously be pleased to direct the Superintendent of Police, Puri, Dist.-Puri, Odisha, to take immediate and necessary steps to ensure proper and fair investigation into this matter. Further be pleased to direct the investigating officer of Pipili P.S., Puri, Case No-490/2026 or in alternative to conduct independent and impartial*

inquiry to the complaint of the petitioner under Annexure-1, to expedite the investigation and submit the chargesheet before the competent court within a stipulated time as may be fixed by this Hon'ble Court."

3. Learned State Counsel was directed to obtain instruction from the concerned police station. Pursuant thereto, the IIC, Pipili P.S. has placed on record the report dated 15.11.2026, inter alia, stating as under:-

"With reference to the letter and subject cited above I beg to submit that basing on the written report of the petitioner Tikina Devi V/o Laxmidhara Panda, vill- entakanta Budan Nagar, PS- Seabeach, Dist-Puri, Pipili P.S. Case No. 490 dated 04.08.26 U/s 108/3(5) BNS case has been registered and the case is under investigation. Subsequently on the written report of the informant Kanhu Charana Behera S/o- Daitari Behera of village-Nijjigarha Kurukhi, PS- Pipili, Dist-Puri Pipili PS UD Case No. 18/26 dated 20.07.2026 has been registered.

During course of investigation I.O. visited the spot examined the complainant and other witnesses and recorded their statement U/s 180 BNS in separate sheet of papers. The PM report of deceased has been received and the cause of death of the deceased is due to anti-mortem hanging. The CDR has been obtained. The allegation of the complainant Tikina Devi is investigation in progress."

4. Since the investigation has substantially progressed and is likely to be concluded shortly, no

specific direction is required to be passed in this matter. Hence, in view of the aforementioned report, this CRLMP is disposed of. It is expected that the I.O. of the present case shall do well to see that investigation in the present case is completed and final report under Section 193 BNS (corresponding to Section 173 Cr.P.C.) is filed in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible.

Ashok

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

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