

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK****WPCRL No.120 of 2025****Ajay Kumar Sahoo**

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv.–
Mr. Amiya Kumar Mohanty, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha and others

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Opposite Parties

Represented by Adv.–
Mr. Sanjay Rath, A.G.A. for State

CORAM:
HON' BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MURAHARI SRI RAMAN

Order No.**ORDER**
06.01.2026

03. 1. Pursuant to the order dated 9th December, 2025, the girl is brought to the Court by Mr. Basanta Kumar Sahoo, Inspector-in-Charge, Kakatpur Police Station. He interacted with the girl, who disclosed that because of the forced marriage, she felt difficulty in living in her matrimonial house and for that she left of her own. She clearly disclosed that she did not intend to live with her husband nor with her parents as she is still in gainful employment and earns her



livelihood. She is a major and, therefore, capable of taking her own decisions.

2. A time has come when the society would introspect when the girls are forced to marry by the parents. The decision of the girl is paramount and her consent should be obtained before any such decision is taken by the parents. When a girl is not ready for the marriage, giving her in marriage by using extraneous force is not conducive for a healthy society and a time has come when the sensitization programme should be conducted by the administration eradicating any sense of imposing own decision on the children by the parents. We respect the decision of a major girl.

3. Since the girl has already been produced physically before us, we do not think that any purpose would be subserved in keeping the instant writ petition pending. The IIC, Kakatpur PS is directed to ensure the smooth return of the girl to her respective place and shall also see that no interference and/or obstruction is created from any corner including the parents and the so-called husband of the said girl. The police shall ensure the safety and the security of the said girl.



at her place of abode and shall immediately take steps in the event any incident is reported to them.

4. With these observations, the writ petition is disposed of.

(Harish Tandon)
Chief Justice

(M.S. Raman)
Judge

S.K. Guin/PA