



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLREV No.314 of 2026

Marati Suresh Goud ***Petitioner***
Mr. B. Jalli, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ***Opposite Parties***
Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH
ORDER
23.06.2026

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05. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
2. Assailing the order dated 05.02.2026 in MC No.37 of 2025 passed by the learned J.M.F.C., R. Udayagiri, Dist-Gajapati in exercise of power under Section 503 of BNSS and directing release of the seized vehicle Bharat Benz bearing registration No.TG-08-U-0742, in which there was alleged illegal transportation of 56 cattle (out of which unfortunately one has died), on payment of Rs.27,61,500/- in the light of the provisions as contained in terms of Section 35 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 read with Rule 5(5) of the PCA (Care and Maintenance of Case Property Animals) Rules, 2017 and execution of an indemnity bond of Rs.19,59,746/- (as per the IDV), the present Revision has been preferred.



3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner files an affidavit, copy of which has been served on the learned counsel for the State.

The counsel for the Petitioner confines his prayer to permit him to deposit the amount as directed by the learned Court in seisin to the tune of Rs.27,61,500/- in instalments and it is submitted that to prove his bonafides, the Petitioner shall deposit Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Thousand) upfront and the balance in instalments.

3-A. Learned counsel for the State has no serious objection to the same but he flags the issue of the Petitioner being a flight risk since he ordinarily does not reside within the territorial jurisdiction of the learned Court in seisin.

4. To facilitate the calculation of instalments, it is directed that the Petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.2,61,500/- (Rupees Two Lakh Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred) upfront and the balance of Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh) shall be deposited in twenty five equal monthly instalments of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) each.

The first of such instalments shall fall due after two months of release of the vehicle in question.

5. To allay the legitimate apprehension as expressed by the learned counsel for the State, it is further directed that the balance amount of Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh) in twenty



five monthly instalments as directed above shall be in the form of postdated cheques to be submitted by the Petitioner.

6. On deposit of Rs.2,61,500/- (Rupees Two Lakh Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred) and the postdated cheques towards instalments as above, the vehicle in question shall be released.

Liberty is granted to the Prosecution to take action in accordance with law in the event any of the cheques get dishonored on the date when they are presented for encashment.

7. The amount of Rs.2,61,500/- deposited upfront and the further amount towards instalment shall be released/disbursed in favour of the Treasurer, Madan Mohan Goshala, Dengausta upon the modalities as fixed by the impugned order.

8. It is needless to state that this Court has not interfered with other directions/stipulations relating to cattle maintenance and welfare in addition to the ones relating to the vehicle, as stated in the impugned order.

9. Accordingly, the CRLREV stands disposed of.
UCC be granted in course of the day.

(V. Narasingh)
Judge