



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLA No.259 of 2026

Roninki Basudev Rao @ R. Vasudeva Rao ... ***Appellant***

Mr. S.K. Dash, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha and another ... ***Respondents***

Mr. C. Mohanty, Addl. PP

Ms. R. Biswal, Advocate (Informant)

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL):22.06.2026

Order No.

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1. This criminal appeal in the nature of bail U/S.14-A of the Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 together with amendment Act, 2016 (in short, "the Act") is directed against the impugned order dated 24.02.2026 passed in GR Case No.76 of 2025 by which the learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Gajapati at Paralakhemundi, has refused to grant bail to the appellant in connection with Gurandi PS Case No.129 of 2025, for being charge-sheeted for commission of offence punishable U/Ss.126(2)/296/69/74/81/351(2) of BNS r/w Sections 3(1)(r)(s)(w)/3(2)(va) of the Act, on the main allegation of cohabiting with the victim by giving false assurance of marriage and in the process, harassing her.

2. Heard, Mr. Soubhagya Kumar Dash, learned counsel for the appellant; Ms. Rajalaxmi Biswal, learned counsel for the informant and Mr. C. Mohanty, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.

3. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offence alleged against the appellant vis-a-vis the accusations sought to be brought against him and regard



being had to the pre trial detention of the appellant in custody since 27.01.2026 with submission of charge-sheet in the meantime and taking into account the other circumstances on record in entirety including the statement of the victim and keeping in view the inherent right of the accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, this Court without expressing any view on the merits, considers it proper to admit the appellant to bail.

4. Hence, the CRLA stands allowed and the impugned order is, hereby, quashed/set aside. Consequently, the appellant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand) only with one solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Court in seisin of the case on such terms and conditions as deem fit and proper by the learned Court in seisin over the matter with following condition:-

(i) the appellant shall not contact the victim or her family members in any way or any manner and he shall not visit to the house or village of the victim till disposal of the case.

5. Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules. A soft copy of this order be immediately communicated to the concerned Court, who shall afterwards communicate the same to the concerned Jail through e-mail for reference.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

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