



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.5549 of 2026

Mahendra Kahali

... ***Petitioner***

Mr. S. Dash, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. P. Satpathy, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL):30.07.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is a bail application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Badachana PS Case No.337 of 2025 corresponding to CT (Sessions) Case No.350 of 2025 pending in the file of learned Additional District & Sessions Judge, Chandikhole, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.332/296/115(2)/351(2)/64(1) of BNS, on the main allegation of committing rape upon the victim.
3. Heard, Mr. Suryakanta Dash, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. P. Satpathy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record together with the evidence of the victim.
4. After having considered the rival submissions upon perusal of record, no doubt there appears allegation against the petitioner for committing rape upon the victim, but the victim in her evidence has not stated anything against the accused-petitioner, who is



in custody since 27.09.2025. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstance and on going through the materials placed on record and taking into account the other circumstances on record in entirety including the inherent right of the accused-petitioner to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, this Court without expressing any view on merits admits the petitioner to bail.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stands allowed and the petitioner is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten 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 it.

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. 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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