

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**ABLAPL No. 176 of 2022**

***Md. Zahir***

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***Petitioner***

*Mr. A.K. Jena, Advocate*

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha***

*....*

***Opp. Party***

*Mr. D.K. Pani*

*Addl. Standing Counsel*

**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO**

**ORDER**

**Order No.**

**31.01.2022**

**01.**

This matter is taken up through Video Conferencing Mode.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

This is an application under section 438 of Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in connection with Delanga P.S. Case No.293 of 2021 corresponding to G.R. Case No.814 of 2021 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Pipili for alleged commission of offence under section 379 of the Indian Penal Code and section 11(1)(a)(d)(e) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

Perused the F.I.R. annexed to the anticipatory bail application.

Considering the submissions made by the learned

counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is the owner of the truck in which the cattle were being transported and the offences are triable by Magistrate and after hearing the learned counsel for the State, I am inclined to release the petitioner on anticipatory bail and accordingly, this Court directs that in the event of arrest of the petitioner in connection with the aforesaid case, he shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/-(Rupees ten thousand) with two sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the arresting officer with further conditions that he shall make himself available for interrogation by the I.O. as and when required and he shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing any facts to the Courts or to the Investigating Officer. Violation of any of the conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

Parties may utilize the soft copy of this order available in the High Court's website or print out thereof at par with certified copy in the manner prescribed vide Office Order dated 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

