

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.455 of 2022

Ratikanta Das

....

Petitioner

Mr.D.J. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opp. Party

Mr.D.K. Pani,

Addl. Standing Counsel

**CORAM:
JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO**

**ORDER
01.02.2022**

Order No.

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This matter is taken up through video conferencing.

Heard the 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 Nilgiri P.S. Case No. 194 of 2016 corresponding to C.T. Case No.243 of 2016 pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Nilgiri for the commission of the alleged offences punishable under sections 498-A, 304-B, 302, 354, 506/34 of the Indian Penal Code and section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

Perused the first information report annexed to the anticipatory bail application.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is the brother in-law of the deceased and he has been charge sheeted along with other co-accused persons

and the husband of the deceased, namely, Tarakanta Das has been released on bail in BLAPL No. 6517 of 2016 and therefore, the anticipatory bail application of the petitioner may be favourably considered.

Learned counsel for the State opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail.

Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, the nature of accusation against the petitioner, while not inclining to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, liberty is granted to the petitioner to surrender and move for bail in the Court below within a period of four weeks from today in the event of which the learned Court below shall dispose of the same in accordance with law expeditiously and the claim of parity with the co-accused person, who has been released on bail shall be taken into account. The case records shall be made available to the Courts concerned for disposal of the bail application.

The ABLAPL stands 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 7th January 2022.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

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