

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.461 of 2022

Akshya Ku Tandi **Petitioner**

Mr. G.B. Singh, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha **Opp. Party**

*Smt. Susamarani Sahoo,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

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

**ORDER
01.02.2022**

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01. This matter is taken up through video conferencing mode.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State as well as learned counsel for the informant.

This is an application under section 438 of Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in connection with Dharamgarh Lock P.S. Case No.08 of 2022 corresponding to C.T. Case No. 21 of 2022 pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Dharamgarh for the commission of the alleged offences punishable under sections 420, 294-A of the Indian Penal Code and sections 4 and 5 of the Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act 1978.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the offences are triable by magistrate and the co-accused Brundaban Mangaraj, who was apprehended at the spot, has already been released on bail by the learned Court below and the petitioner's implication is based on the confessional statement of the co-accused persons before the police and therefore, the anticipatory bail application may be favourably considered.

Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail and submitted that the petitioner fled away from the spot.

Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, the nature of accusation against the petitioner, release of the co-accused persons on bail, the fact that the offences are triable by Magistrate and on 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, she 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 7th January 2022.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

PKSahoo

