

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.495 of 2022

Anil Khatua @ Anil **Petitioner**

Mr.J.K. Majhi, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha **Opp. Party**

*Mr.J.P.Patra,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

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

**ORDER
02.02.2022**

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 Chandipur P.S. Case No. 90 of 2021 corresponding to C.T. Case No. 969 of 2021 pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Balasore for the commission of the alleged offences punishable under sections 272, 273/34 of the Indian Penal Code and section 52(a) of the Odisha Excise Act.

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

Since there are nine criminal antecedents against the petitioner as submitted by the learned counsel for the State, while not inclining to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, it

is observed that in the event the petitioner surrenders and moves for bail in the Court below within a period of four weeks from today, the learned Courts below shall dispose of the same in accordance with law expeditiously and the claim of parity with the co-accused, who is stated to have 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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