

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1308 of 2022

1. Balabhadra Pradhan @

Hemant

2. Susant Pradhan

3. Golakha Pradhan

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Petitioners

Mr. R.N. Rout, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opp. Party

Mrs. Susamarani Sahoo,

Addl. Standing Counsel

CORAM:

JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

ORDER

28.02.2022

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03. This matter is taken up through Hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical mode).

Learned counsel for the State seeks some further time to obtain instruction relating to criminal antecedents, if any, against the petitioners.

This matter was taken up first on 15.02.2022 and on the prayer of the learned counsel for the State, it was adjourned to obtain instruction relating to criminal antecedents against the petitioners. When the matter was listed on 22.02.2022, the same prayer was made and further time was granted. Today, learned counsel for the State submitted that he has not received the instruction relating to the criminal

antecedents against the petitioners. Therefore, I am not inclined to grant further time to the learned counsel for the State.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel for the States.

This is an application under section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners in connection with G.R. Case No.238 of 2022 arising out of Satyabadi P.S. Case No.41 of 2022 pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Puri for alleged commission of offences under sections 341/332/392/506/34 of the Indian Penal Code read with section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

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

Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioners, the nature of accusation against the petitioners and on hearing the learned counsel for the State, I am inclined to release the petitioners on anticipatory bail and accordingly, this Court directs that in the event of arrest of the petitioners in connection with the aforesaid case, they shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (rupees ten thousand) each with two sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the arresting officer with further conditions that they shall make themselves available for interrogation by

the I.O. as and when required and they 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 such facts to the Court or to the Investigating Officer.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge



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