

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 1330 of 2022

Kiran Kumar Pradhan* *Petitioner

Mr.S. Dash, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Opp. Party

*Mr.A.K. Beura,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

CORAM:

JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

ORDER

16.02.2022

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

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

This is an application under section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in connection with G.R. Case No.168 of 2022 arising out of Badachana P.S. Case No.32 of 2022 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Chandikhole for alleged commission of offence under section 420 of the Indian Penal Code.

Perused the F.I.R.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted

that the first information report was lodged against one Smarak Ranjan Pradhan and nothing has been stated in the F.I.R. against the petitioner but merely because he is a friend of the F.I.R. named accused, he has been falsely entangled in this case and the offence is triable by Magistrate 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 and absence of any specific overt act against the petitioner in the alleged crime and the fact that the offence is triable by Magistrate, I am inclined to release him on anticipatory bail. 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 such facts to the Court or to the

Investigating Officer.

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

Accordingly, the ABLAPL is disposed of.

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

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

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