

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1889 of 2022

Pintu @ Badal Parida* *Petitioner

Mr. A.K. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Opp. Party

*Mr. D.K. Pani,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

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

ORDER

08.03.2022

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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 Special G.R. Case No.118 of 2021 arising out of Kakatpur P.S. Case No.275 of 2021 pending in the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge -cum- Special Court, Puri for alleged commission of offences under sections 341/342/365/506/34 of the Indian Penal Code read with section 8 of the POCSO Act.

Perused the F.I.R.

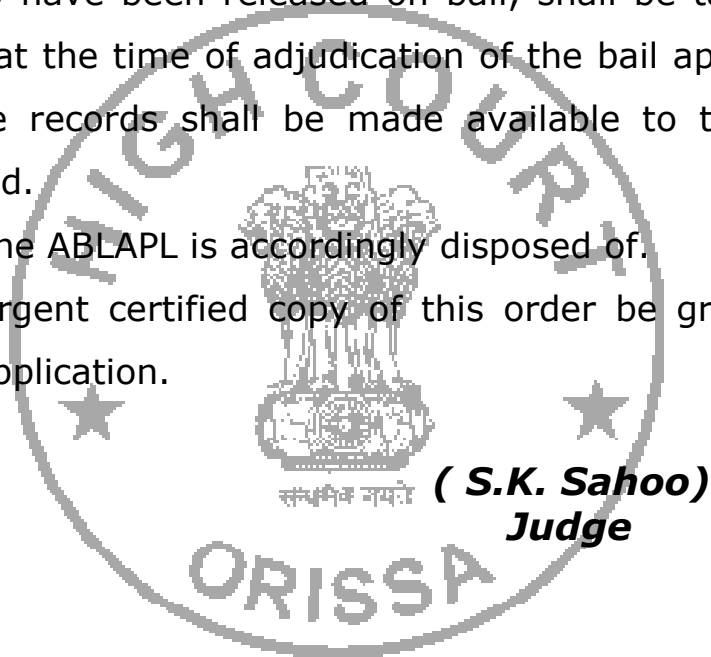
Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the co-accused Gadu Mallik was taken into custody and he has been released on bail.

Learned counsel for the State placed the 164 Cr.P.C. statement of the victim, who is a minor girl.

In view of the nature and gravity of the accusation against the petitioner, while not inclining to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, it is observed that in the event the petitioner surrenders in the Court below within a period of four weeks from today and moves for bail before the learned Court below, the same shall be disposed of as expeditiously as possible by the Court below in accordance with law and claim of parity with the co-accused, who is stated to have been released on bail, shall be taken into account at the time of adjudication of the bail application. The case records shall be made available to the Court concerned.

The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

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



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