

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.2060 of 2022

1. Arabinda Nayak
2. Hemanta Nayak
3. Nihar Ranjan Nayak
4. Raghunath Panda
5. Chandrakanta Panda
6. Sashikanta Jena
7. Niranjana Rout
8. Ratikanta Jena
9. Dharendra Kumar Nayak Petitioners

State of Odisha *Mr. B.K. Ragada, Advocate*
.... Opp. Party
-versus-
Mr. A.K. Beura,
Addl. Standing Counsel

CORAM:
JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

ORDER
12.05.2022

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

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

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.483 of 2022 arising out of Bhandaripokhari P.S. Case No.70 of 2022 pending

in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Bhadrak for alleged commission of offences under sections 147, 148, 451, 323, 354, 307, 294, 506, 427, 149 of the Indian Penal Code.

Perused the F.I.R.

Learned counsel for the State submitted that though the accusation has been levelled against the petitioners that they assaulted some of the persons during course of occurrence but none of the persons came forward for their medical examination.

Learned counsel for the State however submitted that petitioner no.1 Arabinda Nayak has got two criminal antecedents, petitioners nos.2, 3, 7 and 8 namely, Hemanta Nayak, Nihar Ranjan Nayak, Niranjana Rout and Ratikanta Jena have got one criminal antecedent each.

Learned counsel for the petitioners, on the other hand, submitted that it is a case and counter case and during last Gram Panchayat election, the occurrence alleged to have taken place and though the case was registered under section 307 of the Indian Penal Code and other offences but during supervision, offence under section 307 of the Indian Penal code has been deleted and therefore, the anticipatory bail application of the petitioners may be favourably considered.

Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, the

availability of the criminal antecedents against petitioners nos.1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 namely, Arabinda Nayak, Hemanta Nayak, Nihar Ranjan Nayak, Niranjana Rout and Ratikanta Jena, while not inclining to grant anticipatory bail to them, it is observed that in the event the petitioners nos.1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 surrender in the Court below within a period of four weeks from today and move for bail, the same shall be disposed of as expeditiously as possible by the Courts below in accordance with law. The case records shall be made available to the Court concerned.

So far as petitioners nos.4 to 6 and 9 are concerned, in absence of any criminal antecedents against them and taking into account the nature of accusation against them, I am inclined to release them on anticipatory bail. Accordingly, this Court directs that in the event of arrest of petitioners nos.4 to 6 and 9, namely, Raghunath Panda, Chandrakanta Panda, Sashikanta Jena and Dharendra Kumar Nayak 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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