

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.2138 of 2022

Manmath Keshari Bal @ Petitioner
Manmath Keshari
Sahebray

Mr.S.R. Patanaik, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha Opp. Party

Mr.D.K. Pani
Addl. Standing Counsel

CORAM:
JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

ORDER
16.03.2022

Order No.

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 Balichandrapur P.S. Case No. 77 of 2022 corresponding to C.T. Case No.287 of 2022 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Chandikhole for commission of alleged offences under sections 341, 294, 323, 506, 379/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an advocate and he is at present

Asst. Public Prosecutor in the Court of Executive Magistrate, Darpana and on account political dispute between the parties, the case has been foisted and the offences are triable by Magistrate and therefore, the prayer for anticipatory bail may be favourably considered.

Learned counsel for the State opposed the prayer for bail.

Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, the nature of accusation against the petitioner, the political dispute between the parties and the fact that the offences are triable by Magistrate, I am inclined to release the petitioner on anticipatory bail and 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.20,000/- (rupees twenty 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.

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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