

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 2311 of 2022

Santosh Kumar Singh

....

Petitioner

Mr. S. Dwibedi, Advocate

- Versus -

State of Odisha

.... **Opposite Party**

Mr. A. Pradhan, Addl. Standing Counsel

CORAM:

JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER

12.04.2022

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Addl. Standing Counsel for the State.
3. The petitioner is in custody since 19.09.2020 in connection with P.R. No.6/2020-21 corresponding to 2(a)CC Case No.7 of 2020 pending in the Court of learned Special Judge, Phulbani for the alleged commission of offence under Sections 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS Act.
4. Having regard to the fact that the seized contraband is more than commercial quantity, being 150 kg of ganja, I am not inclined to allow the prayer for bail, which is therefore rejected. However, considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 19.09.2020, learned trial Court shall do well to expeditiously dispose of the case, preferably within a period of four months.
5. BLAPL is accordingly rejected.

(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge

A.K. Rana