

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.2932 of 2022

Rajib Lochan Satapathy* *Petitioner

Mr.S.K. Dalai, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Opp. Party

Mr.J.P. Patra

Addl. Standing Counsel

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

ORDER

04.05.2022

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

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

This is an application under section 438 of Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in connection with Kesinga P.S. Case No. 21 of 2022 corresponding to C.T. Case No. 21 of 2022 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Kesinga for the commission of the alleged offences punishable under section 406 of the Indian Penal Code and section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act.

Perused the first information report annexed to the anticipatory bail application.

Learned counsel for the State on instruction submitted that the petitioner is having no criminal antecedents and 240 bags of PDS rice, which are alleged to have been misappropriated, have already been seized.

Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, the nature of accusation against the petitioner and absence of criminal antecedents against the petitioner, 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.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 any facts to the Courts or to the Investigating Officer.

The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy as per Rules.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

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