

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.3078 of 2022

Santosh Podha

....

Petitioner

Mr. R. Ghosh, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opp. Party

*Mr. Arupananda Das,
Addl. Government Advocate*

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

**ORDER
04.05.2022**

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01. 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 Kaniha P.S. Case No. 67 of 2022 corresponding to G.R. Case No. 590 of 2022 pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Talcher for the commission of the alleged offences punishable under sections 379/34 of the Indian Penal Code and section 21 of the M.M.D.R. Act.

Perused the F.I.R. annexed to the anticipatory bail application.

Learned counsel for the State on instruction submitted that the petitioner is having no criminal antecedents.

Considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is the driver of the offending vehicle, the nature of accusation and absence of criminal antecedents against him, 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