

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.3222 of 2022

Alok Kumar Pradhan* *Petitioner

Mr. D. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Opp. Party

*Mr. A.K. Beura,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

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

**ORDER
05.05.2022**

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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.

संक्षेपिक न्यायो

This is an application under section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in connection with G.R. Case No.260 of 2022 arising out of Katarabaga P.S. Case No.06 of 2022 pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Sambalpur for alleged commission of offences under section 379/34 of the Indian Penal Code, sections 3/4 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, sections 3/4 of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984 and sections 15(2)/15(4) of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Amendment Act, 2011.

Perused the F.I.R.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that some of the co-accused persons were taken into custody and they have been released on bail and the petitioner is similarly situated like the co-accused persons and therefore, the anticipatory bail application of the petitioner may be favourably considered.

Learned counsel for the State opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail.

Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, the nature and gravity of the accusation against the petitioner, while not inclining to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, it is observed that in the event the petitioner surrenders in the Court below within a period of four weeks from today and moves for bail, the same shall be disposed of as expeditiously as possible by the Courts below in accordance with law and claim of parity with the co-accused persons, who are stated to have been released on bail, shall be taken into account at the time of adjudication of the bail application. The case records shall be made available to the Court concerned.

The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge