

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.3368 of 2022

Bachan Malik

.... ***Petitioner***
Mr.A.R.Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

.... ***Opposite Party***
Mr.P.C.Das, A.S.C.

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

ORDER

18.05.2022

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as the learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State.
3. This is an application under Section 439 of the Criminal Procedure Code filed by the Petitioner to release him on regular bail in connection with E.I.& E.B. Unit-II, Cuttack P.R. No.124 of 2019-2020 corresponding to 2(a) C.C.Case No.43 of 2019 pending in the Court of the learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Cuttack for commission of an alleged offence under Section 21(b)(ii)(C) of the N.D.P.S.Act..
4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is languishing in custody since 12.10.2019 and the Investigating Agency after completion of investigation submitted charge sheet in this case. It is also submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that co-accused Akash Digal has been released on bail by this Court in BLAPL No.9987 of 2019. It is also submitted by the

learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is the occupant of the alleged seized vehicle and the contractband article has not been seized from the exclusive and conscious possession of the Petitioner. It is further submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that since the Petitioner is the permanent resident of Ganjam district, there is no question of absconding or fleeing from the hands of justice and in the event of his release on bail he undertakes to appear before the trial court on each date of posting.

6. Learned counsel for the State on the other hand opposes the prayer for bail and submits that such type of cases are rising every day in the locality and no leniency should be shown to the Petitioner while considering the prayer for bail of the Petitioner. However he submits that in the event of his release, stringent conditions may be imposed on the Petitioner.

7. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the nature and gravity of the allegation as well as the period of custodial detention of the Petitioner and the fact that nothing has been recovered from the conscious and exclusive possession of the Petitioner, this court is inclined to grant bail to the Petitioner and it is directed that let the Petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty thousand) with one local solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court in seisin over the matter subject to the following terms and conditions

- i) he shall appear before the concerned Police Station once in a week preferably on Sunday between 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. till conclusion of trial.
- ii) shall cooperate with the trial of the case and shall appear in trial court on each and every date to which the case is posted.

- iii) shall not indulge in any offence of similar nature
- iv) shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence while on bail.
- v) shall not influence or threaten any prosecution evidence while on bail.
- vi) Violation of any of the terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

8. It is further directed that the bail granted to the Petitioner is subject to the condition that learned court below shall verify whether the Petitioner has any criminal antecedents of similar nature. In the event it is found that the Petitioner has any criminal antecedent of similar nature, this bail order shall automatically stands revoked.

9. The Bail Application is accordingly disposed of.

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

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