

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.3515 of 2022

Rakesh Kumar Sahoo ***Petitioner***
Mr. Durlabh Ranjan Mishra, Advocate
-versus-
State of Odisha ***Opposite Party***
Mr. K.K. Nayak, ASC for State

CORAM:
JUSTICE A.K.MOHAPATRA

ORDER
16.05.2022

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01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is an application under Section 439 Cr.P.C. filed by the Petitioner for bail in connection with Angul Excise Station P.R. No.04 of 2022-23, corresponds to 2(a)CC Case No.46 of 2022, pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Banarpal, for commission of alleged offences under Sections 55(a)(1) of Odisha Excise Act, 2008
3. Heard learned counsel for both the parties. Perused the FIR, Case Diary and statement of witnesses.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner is in custody since 07.04.2022. It is further submitted that Petitioner has no past records of commission of any crime. Therefore, there is no chance for the Petitioner to flee away from the justice. It is also submitted that Petitioner shall abide

by the terms and conditions as fixed by this Hon'ble Court in the event of release on bail.

5. Learned counsel for the State vehemently opposes the bail application of the Petitioner on the ground that the case of illegal trafficking of contraband article is increasing rapidly in the State of Odisha. It is further submitted that Petitioner while transporting the contraband articles was intercepted by the Excise Squad and on search the Bolero Vehicle was seized from the spot recovered 13 nos. of plastic jerrycans containing 455 liters of I.D. liquor, which have been transported keeping the same in a concealed manner. It is submitted that no leniency should be shown to the accused person involving in such matters. Accordingly, he prays for rejection of the bail application of the Petitioner.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the custodial detention of the Petitioner and the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail subject to stringent conditions. Let the Petitioner be released on bail subject to furnishing bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand) with two solvent sureties each 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 not indulge in similar nature of offence;
- ii) He shall appear before the trial court on each and every date and shall cooperate for early conclusion of trial;

iii) He shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence and shall not make any attempt to influence or threaten the witnesses;

iv) He shall provide his address as well as his phone number to the concerned Police Station and keep the same updated in the event the same is changed in future;

v) He shall appear before the concerned Police Station once in a fortnight preferably on Sunday between 10 to 1 P.M. till conclusion of trial.

vi) He shall not leave the jurisdiction of the court without prior permission of the trial court;

vii) Violation of any of the terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

7. 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 order shall automatically stand revoked.

8. With the aforesaid observation the BLAPL stands disposed of.

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

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge