

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.3698 of 2022

Mahendra Pradhan @ Maya ***Petitioner***
Mr. Abhaya Kumar Parida, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ***Opposite Party***
Mr. M.K. Mohanty, ASC for State

CORAM:
JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

ORDER
17.05.2022

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 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 Delanga P.S. Case No.3 of 2022, corresponding to G.R. Case No.3 of 2022, pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Pipili, for commission of alleged offence under Sections 399/402 of I.P.C. r/w Section 27 of the Arms Act and Sections 4 and 5 of Explosive Substance Act.
 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 while the co-accused persons were in police custody, they confessed the

name of the present Petitioner. Accordingly, the Petitioner has been remanded in this case on 7.2.2022. It is also submitted that Petitioner is a permanent resident under the jurisdiction of Delanga P.S. and there is no chance of his absconding or avoiding the trial in case his prayer for bail is allowed. The further submission is that the co-accused persons, namely, Rama Chandra Behera in BLAPL No.1801 of 2022, disposed of on 21.03.2022, Rashmi Ranjan Barichandan @ Pinku in BLAPL No.1788/2022 disposed of on 21.03.2022 and Akhaya Kumar Parida in BLAPL No.1791/2022 disposed of on 21.03.2022 have been granted bail by this Court. Accordingly, he urges for release of the Petitioner on bail on such terms and conditions as this Court deems fit and proper.

5. Learned counsel for the State vehemently opposes the bail application of the Petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been made against the Petitioner in the present case. He, however, submits that if granted bail, stringent conditions may be imposed on the present 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 one 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 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 at 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., till conclusion of the trial;
7. Violation of any of the terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.
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