

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**BLAPL No.3783 of 2022**

***Babulu Dharei***

....

***Petitioner***

Mr. A. Das  
Advocate

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha***

....

***Opposite Party***

Mr. P.K.Maharaj  
Addl. Standing Counsel

**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA**

**ORDER**  
**18.5.2022.**

**Order No.**

01. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned Addl. Standing Counsel for the State.
3. The Petitioner is in custody since 2nd November, 2021 in connection with Sonapur Excise P.R. No.33/2021-22 corresponding to Special 2(a)C.C. Case No.13/2021 pending in the court of learned Special Judge-cum-Sessions Judge, Sonapur for the alleged commission of the offence under Section 20(b)(ii) (C) of NDPS Act.

4. It is alleged that the Petitioner is the driver of the vehicle from which contraband ganja weighing 22 kgs was recovered. It is submitted that the Petitioner had no knowledge about the contents of the contraband.

5. Considering the submissions made, the materials on record and taking into account the period of detention of the Petitioner in custody without trial, I am inclined to allow the prayer for bail.

6. Let the Petitioner be released on bail on such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the court in seisin over the matter in the aforesaid case including the condition that he shall appear before the trial court on each date of posting of the case, failing which it shall be open to the said court to pass necessary orders to take him to custody again.

7. The BLAPL is disposed of.

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

AKB

**(Sashikanta Mishra)**  
**Judge**

