

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.3932 of 2022

Bichitra Pattanaik

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

State of Odisha

.... ***Opposite Party***
Mr. K.K. Nayak, A.S.C.

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

Order No.

ORDER
18.05.2022

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
 2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State. Perused the F.I.R., case diary and other relevant documents as well as statement of the witnesses.
 3. This is an application under Section 439 of the Criminal Procedure Code.
 4. The petitioner is an accused in Special 2(a) CC No.13 of 2022 arising out of Phulbani Excise Station P.R. Case No.05 of 2022 pending in the court of learned District and Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Phulbani for commission of offence punishable under Section 20(b)(ii)(B) of the N.D.P.S. Act.
 5. It is alleged that 15 Kgs. 500 grams of contraband Ganja was recovered and seized from the conscious possession of the petitioner.

6. It is submitted by learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is in custody since 24.04.2022 and investigation of the case has been completed and charge-sheet in the case has been submitted. He also submits that the petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents and Section 37 of the N.D.P.S. is not attracted. He also submits that there is no scope for absconding or fleeing from the hands of the justice and that the bail application of the petitioner may be considered.

7. Mr. Nayak, leaned Additional Standing Counsel for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for bail of the Petitioner and submits that number of such cases are increasing day-by-day and no leniency should be shown to the Petitioner or similarly situated persons.

8. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the period of custodial detention of the Petitioner, it is directed that let the Petitioner be released on bail 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 conditions that :-

- I. The Petitioner shall not be involved in any offence of similar nature;
- II. he shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence or try to threaten or influence the witnesses in any manner whatsoever;
- III. he shall not make any default in attending the court during trial on each date without fail; and
- IV. he shall appear before the concerned Police Station once in a month preferably on 'Sunday'

in between 10.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. till
conclusion of trial;

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

9. It is open for the court in seisin over the matter to impose
other conditions as may be deemed just and proper.

10. 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 antecedents, this
bail order shall automatically stand revoked.

11. The Bail Application is accordingly disposed of.

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

(*A.K. Mohapatra*)
Judge