

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.5326 of 2022

Alok Kumar Choudhury **Petitioner**
Mr. B.R. Tripathy, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha **Opp. Party**
Mr. P. C. Das, A.S.C.

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

ORDER

03.08.2022

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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 Additional Standing Counsel for the State.
 3. This is an application under Section 438, Cr.P.C. filed by the petitioner for anticipatory bail.
 4. The petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with C.T. Case No.523 of 2022, arising out of Barkot P.S. Case No.191 of 2022 pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Deogarh for commission of offence punishable under Sections 420/465/467/468/471/473/379/34, I.P.C. read with Section 21 of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.
 5. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is the owner of the vehicle in which the iron ore was transported illegally. It is further submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has no knowledge about the authenticity of the transaction and he is running the vehicle on hired

basis for transportation. It is also submitted that the petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents.

6. Considering the nature of allegation, gravity of offence and the fact of the case, I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. However, it is directed that in the event the petitioner surrenders and moves for bail before the learned court in seisin over the matter within a period of three weeks from today in the aforesaid case, he shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as would be deemed just and proper.

7. Further, it is directed that the petitioner shall give an undertaking before the learned court below that while releasing on bail, he will ensure that the vehicle will not involve in similar nature of offences failing which this order shall automatically be revoked.

8. Accordingly, the ABLAPL is disposed of.

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

(*A.K. Mohapatra*)
Judge