

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.4567 of 2022

Sekhar Kumar Giri

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Petitioner

Mr. R.L. Pattnaik, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. B. Panigrahi, Additional Government Advocate

CORAM:

SHRI JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY

ORDER

28.7.2022

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1. The matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
 2. Heard Mr. R.L. Pattnaik, learned counsel for the Petitioner and Mr. B. Panigrahi, learned Additional Government Advocate.
 3. This is an application under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of bail to the Petitioner Sekhar Kumar Giri in connection with Orkel P.S. Case No.202 of 2019, corresponding to T.R. Case No.148 of 2019 pending in the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Malkangiri for alleged commission of offence under Section 20(b)(ii)(C) of the N.D.P.S. Act for alleged possession of contraband weighing about 43 Kg. 500 grams.
 4. It is submitted on behalf of the Petitioner that he is inside custody since 22nd November, 2019 and till date only 4 witnesses have been examined.
 5. Upon hearing Mr. Panigrahi, learned Additional Government Advocate for State and keeping in view the total quantity of

contraband and the embargo contained under Section 37(1)(b) of the NDPS Act, I am not inclined to release the Petitioner on bail. Accordingly, his prayer for bail is rejected.

6. However, considering the long detention of the Petitioner inside custody and slow progress of trial, it is directed to release the Petitioner on interim bail for a period of three months from the date of his release on such terms and conditions as may be deemed just and proper by the learned court in seisin over the matter including the conditions that the Petitioner shall furnish two sureties (with proper identity proof) out of whom one shall be his relative and that, he shall not be involved in any other offence while on bail.

7. It is made clear that the Petitioner shall surrender on or before 4th November, 2022, failing which learned court below shall take all appropriate steps including issuance of NBW of Arrest to apprehend the Petitioner.

8. The BLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

9. An urgent certified copy of this order be issued as per rules.

(B.P. Routray)
Judge