

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.6708 of 2022

Bichitrananda Mohanty* *Petitioner

Mr. A.S. Paul, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Opp. Party

*Mrs. Susamarani Sahoo,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

**CORAM:
JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO**

**ORDER
12.07.2022**

Order No.

01. This matter is taken up through Hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical mode).

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

This is an application under section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in connection with Khurda P.S. Case No.232 of 2022 corresponding to G.R. Case No.778 of 2022 pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Khurda for alleged commission of offences under sections 353/307/341/506/379/109/34 of the Indian Penal Code read with section 51 of the Odisha Minor Minerals Concession Rules, 2004.

Perused the F.I.R.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the registered owner of the offending vehicle and he has been falsely entangled in the case and some of the co-accused persons have been released on anticipatory bail by this Court in ABLAPL No.6038 of 2022, ABLAPL No.6044 of 2022, and ABLAPL No.6359 of 2022 and therefore, the anticipatory bail application of the petitioner may be favourably considered.

Learned counsel for the State opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail.

Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, the nature of accusation against the petitioner and release of the similarly situated co-accused persons on anticipatory bail, I am inclined to release the petitioner on anticipatory bail and accordingly, this Court directs that in the event of arrest of the petitioner in connection with the aforesaid case, he shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (rupees ten thousand) with two sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the arresting officer with further conditions that he shall make himself available for interrogation by the I.O. as and when required and he shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to

dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to the Investigating Officer.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

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

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

RKM

