

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 5598 of 2022

Sarata Rana

.... Petitioner

Mr. B.K. Ragada, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

.... Opp.Party

Mrs. Susamarani Sahoo

Addl. Standing Counsel

CORAM:

JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

ORDER

15.12.2022

Order No.

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

This is an application under section 439 Cr.P.C. in connection with Kantamal P.S. Case No. 60 of 2016 corresponding to Special Case (NDPS) No.01 of 2017 pending on the file of learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Kantamal for alleged commission of offence under section 20(b)(ii)(C) of the N.D.P.S. Act.

The prayer for bail of the petitioner has been rejected by the learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Kantamal vide order dated 12.05.2022.

Considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 08.07.2016 and twice he has been granted interim bail for two months each and after availing the

same, he surrendered at right time and there is no chance of his absconding and after perusal of the status report submitted by the learned trial Court which indicates that out of twenty four charge sheet witnesses, sixteen witnesses have been examined so far and on hearing the learned counsel for the State, while not inclining to release the petitioner on bail on merit, I direct that the petitioner be released on interim bail for a period of three months starting from the date of his release and the petitioner shall surrender before the learned trial Court after expiry of the three months period.

For the above period, let the petitioner be released on interim bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (rupees fifty thousand) with two local solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Court in seisin over the matter with further terms and conditions as the learned Court may deem just and proper including the conditions that he shall not indulge in any criminal activities and shall appear before the learned trial Court on each date to which the case would be posted for trial during the interim bail period.

The BLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy as per Rules.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

