IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.7823 of 2022

Harish Chandra Pradhan .... ***Petitioner***
Mr.B.B.Behera, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha .... ***Opp.Party***
Mr.M.K.Mohanty, A.S.C..

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

ORDER

Order No. **22.07.2022**

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and the learned Additional Standing Counsel. Perused the records.

3. This is an application under Section 438 Cr.P.C. filed by the Petitioner for anticipatory bail.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner, who is the Range Officer of Jilinda Wildlife Range is no way connected in the alleged crime and he has been implicated in the present case on the basis of the statement of the co-accused persons.

5. Considering the nature of allegations made, gravity of the 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 before the learned J.M.F.C., Narasinghpur in 2(b) C.C.Case No.03 of 2022 arising out of O.R.No.1 of 2022-23 within a period of three weeks from today and

moves for bail, he shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as would be deemed just and proper by the learned Magistrate and subject to verification of antecedents against the Petitioner.

6. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

7. Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

RKS