

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLMC No. 1769 of 2022

Jagabandhu Mohapatra

.... Petitioner
Mr. R.S. Samal, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Orissa

.... Opposite Party
Mr. Priyabrata Tripathy, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
12.09.2022

Order No.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. has been filed by the petitioner challenging the order of NBW dated 22nd March, 2018 passed by the learned A.S.J.(W), Jagatsinghpur in C.T. Case No.74 of 2017 arising out of Lock P.S. Case No.146 of 2016 corresponding to G.R. Case No.743 of 2016 on the grounds stated therein.
3. Perused the FIR at Annexure-1 and copy of the impugned order dated 22nd March, 2018 as at Annexure-4.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was on court bail but subsequently, NBW has been issued against him on 22nd March, 2018 since he defaulted in appearance. It is further submitted that the petitioner could not know about the date fixed by the learned court below, as a result of which, the

impugned order was passed and considering the fact that he was on previous bail, the petitioner should be directed to surrender and allowed to go on bail with conditions.

5. The Court perused the order dated 22nd March, 2018 but does not find any illegality being committed by the learned court below. In fact, the petitioner failed to turn up and on account of his default and since the defense counsel did not take any step on his behalf, the learned court below rightly issued the NBW against him. However, at this juncture, the Court is of the view that in the facts and circumstances of the case, the petitioner should be directed to surrender before the court below and released on bail with conditions which instead would serve the purpose.

6. Accordingly, it is ordered.

7. In the result, the CRLMC stands disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to surrender before the court of learned A.S.J.(W), Jagatsinghpur on or before 28th September, 2022 in C.T. Case No.74 of 2017 arising out of Lock P.S. Case No.146 of 2016 further corresponding to G.R. Case No.743 of 2016 and in the event of his surrender, the court below shall release him on bail subject to conditions.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge