

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.6767 of 2022

Manoj Kumar Patra

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Petitioner

Mr. B.K. Nayak, Advocate

-Versus -

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

*Mr. S.K. Mishra,
Additional Standing Counsel*

CORAM:

JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER

24.09.2022

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned Addl. Standing Counsel for the State.
3. The Petitioner is in custody since in connection with Pipili P.S. Case No.398 of 2021 corresponding to G.R. Case No.566 of 2021 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Pipili for the alleged commission of the offence under Sections 409/420/467/468/471/120-B/34 of I.P.C.
4. The prosecution case is that the money deposited in different Savings Bank Accounts of the customers of Andhra/Union Bank of India of Satasankha Branch was allegedly misappropriated. Such Savings Bank Accounts opened by different SSG groups were also withdrawn on joint signatures of the President and Secretary and misappropriated.
5. It is submitted by learned counsel for the Petitioner that out of six accused persons one has been granted bail by the learned court

below. It is submitted that charge sheet has been submitted.

6. Mr. S.K. Mishra, learned Addl. Standing Counsel, has opposed the prayer for bail by submitting that all the six persons had acted in unison to defraud the customers to a huge extent and, therefore, should not be shown any leniency.

7. I have considered the rival submissions and have also perused the materials on record. As it appears, the total financial involvement of the Petitioner and other accused persons comes to Rs.38,15,534/-. Charge sheet has already been submitted. Petitioner has been in custody for more than seven months by now.\

8. Considering all the above facts as also taking into account the period of detention of the Petitioner in custody, I am inclined to allow the prayer for bail. Let the Petitioner be released on bail on such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the court in seisin over the matter in the aforesaid case including the condition that he shall appear before the court below personally on each date of posting of the case without fail and in case of even a single default, the said court shall pass appropriate orders to take him to custody again. Further, he shall furnish cash security of Rs.1,00,000/-(Rupees one Lakh) in the shape of short term fixed deposit in any Nationalized Bank being pledged to the court below.

9. The BLAPL is disposed of.

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

(Sashikanta Mishra)
Judge