

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 7016 of 2022

Manoj Rout

.... Petitioner

*Mr. Yasobanta Das,
Senior Advocate*

-versus-

State of Odisha

.... Opp. Party

*Mrs. Susamarani Sahoo
Addl. Standing Counsel*

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

**ORDER
21.12.2022**

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06. 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 439 of Cr.P.C. in connection with E.I. & E.B. Unit-II Cuttack P.R. Case No.25 of 2020-21 corresponding to 2(a) C.C. Case No.12 of 2020 pending in the Court of learned Sessions Judge -cum- Special Judge, Cuttack for offence punishable under section 20(b)(ii)(C) of the N.D.P.S. Act.

The petitioner moved an application for bail before the Court of learned Sessions Judge -cum- Special Judge, Cuttack which was rejected on 20.07.2022.

It appears that the petitioner was released on interim bail for a period of three months as per order dated 08.04.2022 passed in BLAPL No.1720 of 2022 and he surrendered at right time.

The status report dated 17.12.2022 submitted by the learned trial Court indicates that the accused statement has already been recorded and it was posted to 12.12.2022 for defence evidence but the defence counsel filed a petition praying for time to adduce defence evidence which was allowed and the case is posted to 21.12.2022.

Considering the stage of trial and the conduct of the petitioner in complying with the earlier order of interim bail, I am inclined to release the petitioner on interim bail for a period of one month from the date of release. The petitioner shall surrender before the learned trial Court immediately on expiry of the one month 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, namely, Sanatan Kanhar and Digambar Kanhar 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 subject to conditions that while on interim bail, the petitioner shall not indulge in any

criminal activities in any manner and he shall appear before the learned trial Court on each date to which the case would be posted for trial.

Violation of any of the terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of interim bail.

Accordingly, the BLAPL is disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy as per Rules.

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