

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.9062 of 2022

Pratap Kumar Sethi

....

Petitioner

Mr. A. Tripathy, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opp. Party

Mr. P.K. Rout, A.G.A.

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

ORDER

03.08.2022

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01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State.
3. This is an application under Section 438, Cr.P.C. filed by the petitioner for anticipatory bail.
4. The petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.198 of 2022, arising out of Dasapalla P.S. No.111 of 2022 pending in the court of learned J.M.F.C., Dasapalla for commission of offence punishable under Section 379, I.P.C.
5. It is submitted learned counsel for the petitioner that the stolen motorcycle has already been recovered and on the basis of the statement of the co-accused, the petitioner has been implicated in the present case.
6. Considering the nature of allegation, gravity of 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 court in seisin over the matter within a period of three weeks from today in the aforesaid case, he shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as would be deemed just and proper.

7. It is further directed that the bail granted to the petitioner is subject to the condition that learned court below shall verify whether the petitioner has more than one criminal antecedents of similar nature. In the event it is found that the petitioner has more than one criminal antecedents of similar nature, this bail order shall automatically stand revoked.

8. Accordingly, the ABLAPL is disposed of.

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

(*A.K. Mohapatra*)
Judge