

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.7606 of 2022

Janardan Nayak

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Petitioner

Mr. S.K. Padhi, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & others

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. P.K. Maharaj, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER
23.12.2022

Order No.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
2. The Petitioner is an accused in Special G.R. Case No.14 of 2018, pending on the file of learned Special Judge, Puri, arising out of Konark P.S. Case No.28 of 2018, for commission of the alleged offence under Sections 366/376(2)(n)(1) IPC and Section 6 of the POCSO Act.
3. Being aggrieved by the rejection of his application for bail U/s.439 Cr.P.C. by the learned Special Court under POCSO Act, Puri by order dated 03.08.2022 in the aforementioned case, the present BLAPL has been filed.
4. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the Petitioner is in custody since 03.08.2022 and since investigation has progressed substantially, his further continuance in custody is not warranted.
5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for bail.
6. Perused the statement of the victim recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C.

7. Considering the stage of investigation as borne out from the order of rejection, this Court directs the Petitioner to be released on bail on such terms to be fixed by the Court in seisin over the matter.
8. The BLAPL thus stands disposed of.
9. Urgent certified copy of this order be granted as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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