

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.9770 of 2022

Chittaranjan Panda

.... ***Petitioner***
Mr. A.S. Paul, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

.... ***Opp. Party***
Mr. S. Mishra, A.S.C.

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

ORDER

16.08.2022

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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.1240 of 2022, arising out of Khurda P.S. Case No.371 of 2022 pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Khurda for commission of offence punishable under Sections 353/341/506/379/34, I.P.C. read with Section 51 of Orissa Mines and Minerals Concession Rules, 2004.
5. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is the owner of the vehicle in which the literate stone was transported illegally. It is further submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has no knowledge about the authenticity of the transaction and he is running the vehicle on hired basis for transportation. It is also submitted that the petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents.
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. Further, it is directed that the petitioner shall give an undertaking before the learned court below that while releasing on bail, he will ensure that the vehicle will not involve in similar nature of offences failing which this order shall automatically be revoked.

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

8. It is open for the learned court below, if the petitioner fails to appear in court, then the learned court below shall proceed against the petitioner in accordance with law.

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

10. Accordingly, the ABLAPL is disposed of.

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

(**A.K. Mohapatra**)
Judge