

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**BLAPL No.7687 of 2022**

***Neeraj@Niraj Thakur***

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***Petitioner***

**Mr. J. Khansama, Advocate**

***-versus-***

***State of Odisha***

***....***

***Opposite Party***

**Mr. K. Das, A.S.C.**

**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE B. P. ROUTRAY**

**ORDER**

**22.11.2022**

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1. This is an application under Sec.439 Cr.P.C. for bail and the offences alleged are under Secs.395, I.P.C. and Secs.25/27 of the Arms Act.

2. Heard Mr. J. Khansama, learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as Mr. K. Das, learned A.S.C. for the State-Opposite Party.

3. It is submitted on behalf of the Petitioner that he is inside custody since 14.9.2019 and till date only two witnesses have been examined in course of trial. It is further submitted that those two witnesses, who are the officials of the Bank, have not stated anything against the Petitioner in their evidence.

4. Mr. K. Das, learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State-Opposite Party opposes the prayer for bail by submitting that still four other co-accused persons are remaining absconded and many vital witnesses are yet to be examined in course of trial.

5. Upon hearing both the parties and considering the nature of offences, which is a case of Bank dacoity in broad day light and upon perusal of the copies of the depositions of P.W.1 & 2 as produced in course of hearing, I am not inclined to release the Petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the prayer for bail is rejected.

6. The BLAPL is dismissed.

7. The copies of the depositions are kept on record.

