

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.9847 of 2022

Laxmidhar Dalei

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

-versus-

State of Odisha

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

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

ORDER

17.08.2022

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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.1242 of 2022, arising out of Jankia P.S. Case No.273 of 2022 pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Khurda for commission of offence punishable under Sections 379/120-B/34, I.P.C. read with Section 12 of Orissa Minerals (Prev. of Theft Smuggling and Unlawful Activities) Act, 1989 and Section 51 of Orissa Minerals Concession Rules, 2004.
5. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is working as a labourer in the stone quarry to maintain his livelihood and he has been falsely implicated in the present case and that he 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 with further condition that he shall not indulge any such criminal activities while on bail.

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 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.

9. Accordingly, the ABLAPL is disposed of.

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

(*A.K. Mohapatra*)
Judge