

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.9898 of 2022

Badal Kumar Swain @ Badal ***Petitioner***
Saumya Ranjan Pradhan, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ***Opposite Party***
Mr. Shashanka Patra, A.S.C.
Mr. Sekh Zabir Hussain, Adv. for Informant

CORAM:
JUSTICE A.K.MOHAPATRA

ORDER
26.09.2022

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner, learned Addl. Standing Counsel for the State and learned counsel for the Informant.
3. This is an application under Section 438, Cr.P.C. filed by the Petitioner for anticipatory bail, involving offences punishable under Sections 376-D(A), I.P.C. and Section 6 of the POCSO Act.
4. Considering the seriousness of the allegation, gravity of the offence and the facts of the case, though I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the Petitioner, however the Petitioner is given liberty to surrender before the learned District & Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, (POCSO), Puri in G.R. Case No.78 of 2022 corresponding to Satyabadi P.S. Case No.225 of 2022 in the first hour within 21 working days hence and move for bail. In such event, the learned Magistrate shall consider the bail application of the

Petitioner in the first hour of the day, strictly on the basis of the materials available on record. In case of rejection of the bail application by the learned Magistrate, the Petitioner may move for bail before the higher forum in the second hour of the same day. In that event, the higher forum shall consider and dispose of the bail application of the Petitioner on the same day on merit, strictly on the basis of the materials available on record. Case Diary be made available to the learned courts below as soon as possible to facilitate in disposing of the bail application of the Petitioner on the same day itself.

5. Ground of parity, if canvassed by learned counsel for the Petitioner, may be taken into consideration by the learned courts below as per law, while dealing with the bail application of the Petitioner on merit.

6. The ABLAPL is disposed of accordingly.

7. Urgent certified copy of this order be granted as per rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge