IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.10015 of 2022

Kantala Kumar Sahoo @ Kuntala Kumari Sahu .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. J.K. Mahapatra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha (Vigilance) .... ***Opp. Party***

Ms. J. Tripathy, A.S.C. for Vigilance

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

ORDER

Order No. **23.08.2022**

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.09 of 2022(V), arising out of Berhampur P.S. Case No.13 of 2022 pending in the court of learned Special Judge (Vigilance), Berhampur (GM) for commission of offence punishable under Sections 13(2) read with Section 13(10(b)/12 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

5. It is submitted learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is the wife of the principal accused and she has been falsely implicated in the present case.

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 the petitioner shall cooperate with the Investigating Officer as and when required for the purpose of the investigation and she shall not default in attendance of the court during trial on each date of posting.

7. Accordingly, the ABLAPL is disposed of.

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

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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