

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 8362 of 2022

Satrughna Kumar

....

Petitioner

Mr. S. Mitra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. A. Pradhan, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

15.09.2022

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
3. The petitioner is an accused in G.R.(SPL) Case No.18 of 2022, pending in the file of learned Sessions Judge cum Special Judge, Cuttack, arising out of GRP Police Station Cuttack P.S. Case No.72 of 2022, offence under Sections 20(B)II(b) of the NDPS Act and is in custody since 22.07.2022.
4. Being aggrieved by the rejection of his application for bail U/s.439 Cr.P.C. by the learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Cuttack by order dated 22.08.2022 in the aforementioned case, the present BLAPL has been filed.
5. Perused the order of rejection.
6. Since the seizure of the contraband (ganja) to the tune of 18 kgs.780 gms is admittedly less than the commercial quantity as

prescribed, this Court directs the petitioner to be released on bail on such terms to be fixed by the Court in seisin over the matter.

7. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has no criminal proclivity. While enlarging the petitioner on bail the learned court below shall verify such assertion. If it comes to the fore that the petitioner has any criminal antecedent this order shall stand recalled.

8. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

9. Urgent certified copy of this order be granted as per rule.

Santoshi

