

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

**ABLAPL No.10791 of 2022**

***Dinesh Biswas***

....

***Petitioner***

*Mr. Rajib Lochan Pattnaik, Advocate*

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha***

....

***Opposite Party***

*Mr. M.K. Mohanty, A.S.C.*

**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE A.K.MOHAPATRA**

**ORDER**

**12.09.2022**

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01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned Addl. Standing Counsel for the State.
3. This is an application under Section 438, Cr.P.C. filed by the Petitioners for anticipatory bail, involving offence punishable under Sections 20(b)(ii)C & 29 of the N.D.P.S. Act.
4. Considering the seriousness of the allegation, gravity of the offence and facts and circumstances of the case, it is observed that, the Petitioner, if so advised, may surrender before the learned Addl. District Judge-cum-Special Judge, Umerkote in T.R. Case No.32 of 2020 corresponding to Umerkote P.S. Case No.212 of 2020 within a period of three weeks from today. In the event the Petitioner surrenders and moves for bail within the aforesaid stipulated period, learned Addl. District Judge-cum-Special Judge, Umerkote shall do well to dispose of the bail application of the Petitioner on the same

day on merit in accordance with law and further keeping in view the fact that the Petitioner was not present at the spot from where the seizure was made. Further, while considering the bail application of the Petitioner, the learned court in seisin over the matter shall also consider the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in ***Tofan Singh vs. State of Tamilnadu*** : reported in ***(2021) 4 SCC 1*** and order dated 10.01.2022 in the matter of ***State by (NCB) Bengaluru Vs. Pallulabid Ahmad Arimuta and another (Special Leave to Appeal (Criminal) No.242 of 2022)***. The Case Diary be made available to the concerned court in order to facilitate in disposal of the bail application of the petitioner on the same day.

Ground of parity, if canvassed by the learned counsel for the Petitioner, shall also be taken into consideration by the learned Special Judge, while considering the bail application of the Petitioner.

5. The ABLAPL is disposed of accordingly.
6. Urgent certified copy of this order be granted as per rules.

***(A.K. Mohapatra)***  
***Judge***