

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.8822 of 2021

Gajendra Pradhan

....

Petitioner

Mr.Satyabrata Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

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

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

ORDER

06.04.2022

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as the learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State.
3. This is an application under Section 439 of the Criminal Procedure Code filed by the Petitioner to release him on regular bail in connection with Rengali P.S. Case No.47 of 2021 corresponding to T.R.Case No.09 of 2021 pending in the Court of the learned Special Judge-cum- Sessions Judge, Sambalpur for commission of an alleged offence under Section 20(b)(ii)(C) of N.D.P.S.Act..
4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner, is in custody since 16.03.2021 and the Police after completion of investigation submitted charge sheet in the case. It is also submitted that the Petitioner is a passenger of the car and contraband article has been found inside the car. It is also submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner has no knowledge about the contraband ganja inside the car. He also submits that the driver of

the car has been released on bail by the order of this Court. Therefore, the Petitioner deserves for his release on bail.

6. Learned counsel for the State on the other hand opposes the prayer for bail and submits that such type of cases are rising every day in the locality and no leniency should be shown to the Petitioner while considering the prayer for bail of the Petitioner. However he submits that in the event of his release, stringent conditions may be imposed on the Petitioner.

7. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the nature and gravity of the allegation as well as the co-accused driver of the car has been released on bail, and that there is no allegation of criminal antecedents of similar nature against the Petitioner, this court is inclined to grant bail to the Petitioner and it is directed that let the Petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand) with one local solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court in seisin over the matter subject to the following terms and conditions

- i) he shall appear before the concerned Police Station once in a week preferably on Sunday between 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. till conclusion of trial.
- ii) shall cooperate with the trial of the case and shall appear in trial court on each and every date to which the case is posted.
- iii) shall not indulge in any offence of similar nature
- iv) shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence while on bail.
- v) shall not influence or threaten any prosecution evidence while on bail.
- vi) Violation of any of the terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

8. 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 antecedent of similar nature, this bail order shall automatically stands revoked.

9. The Bail Application is accordingly disposed of.

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

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*(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge*

