

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.9100 of 2021

Hemanta Takri

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Petitioner

Mr. A.R. Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

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

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

ORDER

29.06.2022

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 and learned counsel for the State. Perused the F.I.R., case diary and other relevant documents as well as statement of the witnesses.
3. This is an application under Section 439 of the Criminal Procedure Code.
4. The Petitioner is an accused in Special G.R. Case No.85 of 2021 arising out of Mudulipada P.S. Case No.65 of 2021 pending in the court of learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Malkangiri for commission of offence punishable under Sections 20(b)(ii)(C)/25/27-A/29 of the N.D.P.S. Act.
5. As per the prosecution case two vehicles were detained on suspicion. Out of the said two vehicles, contraband ganja weighing 1520 Kgs. 650 grams was found in one. In so far as the other vehicle

is concerned, it is a Maruti Suzuki Alto Car bearing Registration No.OD-10-H-0311 but nothing was recovered from it. It is alleged that the said vehicle was escorting the other vehicle in which the contraband was being transported. Hence this case.

6. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner was travelling in the Maruti vehicle from which nothing was seized and the petitioner is in custody since 29.08.2021 and that investigation of the case has been completed and charge-sheet has been submitted by the police. He further submits that the petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent of similar nature. He also submits that there is no scope for absconding or fleeing from the hands of the justice and that the petitioner is a local man. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that on similar footing with the petitioner, another co-accused has already been released on bail by this Court in BLAPL No.9789 of 2021 by order dated 12.05.2022.

7. Leaned Additional Standing Counsel for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for bail of the Petitioner and submits that illegal trafficking of contraband articles is rising day-by-day and no leniency should be shown to the petitioner or similarly situated persons.

8. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the period of custodial detention of the petitioner, it is directed that let the petitioner be released on bail 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 following conditions that :-

- I. The petitioner shall not be involved in any offence of similar nature;

- II. he shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence or try to threaten or influence the witnesses in any manner whatsoever;
- III. he shall not make any default in attending the court during trial on each date without fail; and
- IV. he shall appear before the concerned Police Station once in a week preferably on 'Sunday' in between 10.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. till conclusion of trial.

Violation of any of the terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

9. It is open for the court in seisin over the matter to impose other conditions as may be deemed just and proper.

10. 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 antecedents, this bail order shall automatically stand revoked.

11. The Bail Application is accordingly disposed of.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application in course of the day.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

