

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.13458 of 2022

Ratan Kumar Sharma and another ***Petitioners***
Mr. S.K. Pradhan, Advocate
-versus-
State of Odisha ***Opp. Party***
Mr. S. Mishra, A.S.C.

CORAM:

JUSTICE A.K. MOHAPATRA

ORDER

19.10.2022

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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 Additional Standing Counsel for the State.
3. This is an application under Section 438, Cr.P.C. filed by the petitioners for anticipatory bail.
4. The petitioners are seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.4093 of 2022, arising out of Dhama P.S. Case No.161 of 2022 pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Sambalpur for commission of offence punishable under Section 394, I.P.C.
5. Considering the nature of allegation, gravity of offence and the fact of the case, I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners. However, it is directed that in the event the petitioners surrender and move an application for bail before the learned court in seisin over the matter within a period of three weeks from today in the aforesaid case, they shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as would be deemed just and proper with further

conditions :-

- I. The petitioners shall not default in attendance of the court during trial on each date of posting; and
- II. they shall not indulge in similar criminal activities while on bail.

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

6. It is further directed that the bail granted to the petitioners is subject to the condition that learned court below shall verify whether the petitioners have more than one criminal antecedents of similar nature. In the event it is found that the petitioners have more than one criminal antecedents of similar nature, this bail order shall automatically stand revoked. Case diary be made available on the date of surrender of the petitioners before the learned court below.

7. Accordingly, the ABLAPL is disposed of.

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

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge