

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 10590 of 2022

Sanatan Behera

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Petitioner

Mr. A. Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. P.K. Maharaj, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

22.12.2022

Order No.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is an accused in connection with C.T. Spl. (POCSO) Case No.108 of 2022, pending in the file of learned Additional Sessions Judge -cum- Special under POCSO Act, Jajpur, arising out of Kaliapani P.S. Case No.87 of 2022, for alleged commission of offences under Sections 341/294/506/376(i)/376(2)/34 of IPC read with Sections 4(1)/6 of POCSO Act and Section 3(1)(r)(s)/3(1)(W)/3(2)(v)(va) of SC & ST (PoA) Act.

3. Being aggrieved by the rejection of his application for bail U/s.439 Cr.P.C. by the learned Additional District & Sessions Judge -cum- Special Judge (POCSO), Jajpur, by order dated 17.10.2022 in the aforementioned case, the present BLAPL has been filed.

4. Notice is stated to have been served on informant/victim on 27.11.2022. There is no appearance on behalf of the informant/victim when the matter is called.

5. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the petitioner is in custody since 08.09.2022 and since charge-sheet has been filed in the meanwhile, further continuance of the petitioner in custody is unwarranted.

6. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for bail.

7. Perused the 164 Cr.P.C. statement of the victim.

8. Considering the tenor thereof, this Court directs the petitioner to be released on bail on such terms to be fixed by the learned Court in seisin.

9. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

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

Ayesha

