

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.14781 of 2022

Santosh Kumar Nayak

.... ***Petitioner***
Mr. P.R. Singh, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

.... ***Opp. Party***
Mr. S. Patra, ASC

CORAM:
JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH

Order No.

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05.12.2022

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1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and the State.
2. This is an application for bail U/s.438 Cr.P.C. filed by the Petitioner in apprehension of arrest for his alleged involvement in the offences U/s.363 IPC.
3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the co-accused being in custody has since been released on bail.
4. Keeping in view the submission of the parties, the nature of allegations as emerged from the material on record, the circumstances appearing, the seriousness and gravity of the offences, while this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail, the Petitioner is at liberty to surrender before the learned Judge, Special Court, (POCSO), Dhenkanal in Dhenkanal Sadar P.S. Case No.512 of 2021 corresponding to C.T.(Special) POCSO Case No.56

of 2022 within three weeks' hence and moves for bail. In such event the learned court in seisin over the matter shall consider the bail application of the Petitioner in the first hour of the day, strictly on the basis of the materials available on record in its own merit.

5. In case of rejection of the bail application by the learned court, the Petitioner may move for bail before the higher forum in the second hour of the same day. In that event, the higher forum shall consider and dispose of the bail application of the Petitioner on the same day on its own merit strictly on the basis of the material available on record. Case diary be made available to the learned courts below as soon as possible to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioner on the same day.

6. Ground of parity, if canvassed by the learned counsel for the Petitioners, may be taken into consideration by the learned courts below as per law, while dealing with the bail application of the Petitioner on merit not being influenced by the observations, if any of this court, not even presuming the direction of this court to be in affirmative. The ABLAPL is disposed of.

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge