

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.15222 of 2021

Sunil Kumar Mohanty* *Petitioner

Mr. S. Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Opp. Party

*Mr. J.P. Patra,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

**CORAM:
JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO**

**ORDER
07.04.2022**

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01. This matter is taken up through Hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical mode).

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

This is an application under section 438 of Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in connection with Handapa P.S. Case No. 278 of 2021 corresponding to G.R. Case No. 1006 of 2021 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Athamallik for the commission of the alleged offences punishable under sections 341/294/387/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

Perused the first information report annexed to the anticipatory bail application.

Considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is a news reporter at Argus News Media and he has been falsely entangled in

the case and the offences are triable by Magistrate and similarly situated co-accused, namely, Chandra Sekhar @ Sekhar Dehury has been released on anticipatory bail as per order dated 20.02.2022 in ABLAPL No. 16295 of 2021 and on hearing the learned counsel for the State, I am inclined to release the petitioner on anticipatory bail and accordingly, this Court directs that in the event of arrest of the petitioner in connection with the aforesaid case, he shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/-(rupees ten thousand) with two sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the arresting officer with further conditions that he shall make himself available for interrogation by the I.O. as and when required and he shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing any facts to the Courts or to the Investigating Officer.

The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy as per Rules.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge