

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.15712 of 2021

Sanjeev Kumar Das* *Petitioner

Mr. A.K. Jena, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Opp. Party

Mr. J.P. Patra

Addl. Standing Counsel

CORAM:

JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

ORDER

11.01.2022

Order No.

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This matter is taken up through Video Conferencing Mode.

Heard 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 P.R. No.155 of 2021-22 of EI & EB, Unit-II, Cuttack corresponding to 2(a) C.C. Case No. 112 of 2021 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Chandikhole for alleged commission of offence under section 52(1)(i)(c) and 59(d) of Odisha Excise Act.

Learned counsel for the State on instruction submitted that the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent.

Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the excise articles were seized from the possession of one Kadambini Das and that the offences are triable by Magistrate and the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent, 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. Violation of any of the conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

Parties may utilize the soft copy of this order available in the High Court's website or print out thereof at par with certified copy in the manner prescribed vide Office Order dated 7th January 2022.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

