

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 16000 of 2021

**Jaga @ Jagabandhu @
Jagannatha Sutar**

.... Petitioner

Mr.R.S. Samal, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

.... Opp. Party

Mr. A.K. Beura

Addl. Standing Counsel

CORAM:

JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

ORDER

12.01.2022

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. in connection with Kujang P.S.Case No.157 of 2019 corresponding to G.R. Case No.524 of 2019 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C. (P), Kujang for alleged commission of offence under section 379 of the Indian Penal Code.

Perused the F.I.R. annexed to the anticipatory bail application.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the F.I.R. was lodged against some unknown persons and during course of investigation, one co-accused was taken into custody and stolen articles were recovered from his possession and basing on the confessional statement of the said co-accused before police, the petitioner has been arrayed as an accused in the case and the offence is triable by the Magistrate and therefore, the anticipatory bail application may be favourably considered.

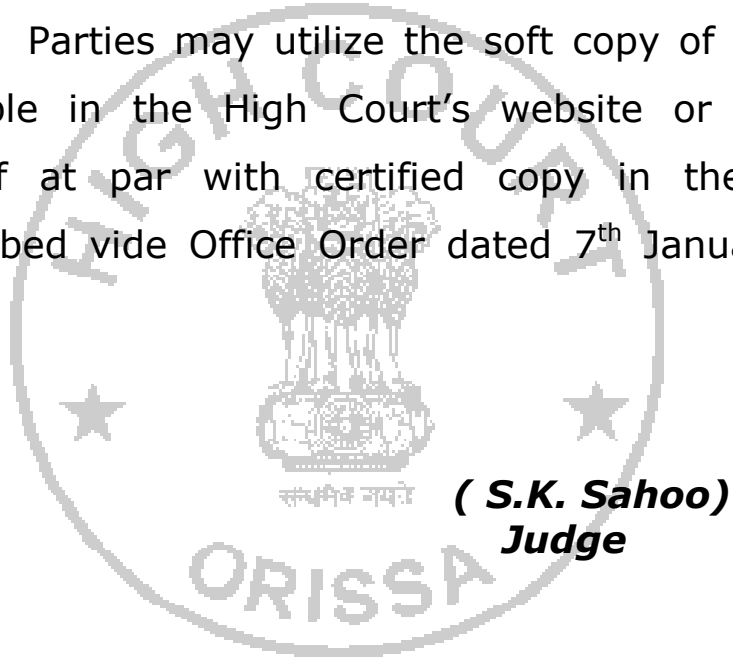
Learned counsel for the State opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail and submitted that the petitioner has got three criminal antecedents.

Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, the nature of accusation against the petitioner and the petitioner's implication in the case is based on the confessional statement of the co-accused before police and the fact that the offence is triable by Magistrate 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. 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.



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