

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.16074 of 2021

Ramray @ Ramraya **Petitioner**
Marandi

Mr. J.Mohanty, *Advocate*

-versus-

State of Odisha **Opp. Party**

Mr. A. Das,
Addl. Government Advocate

CORAM:

JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

ORDER

18.01.2022

Order No.

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This matter is taken up by video conferencing mode.

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

This is an application under section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in connection with G.R. Case No.441 of 2021 arising out of Papadahandi P.S. Case No.56 of 2021 pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Nabarangpur for alleged commission of offences under sections 420/409/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

Perused the F.I.R.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that relating to misappropriation of Government

money of Rs.17,388/-, the first information report was lodged against two co-accused persons namely, Satish Kumar Palo and Dikresen Nayak and during course of investigation, a letter was issued by the Investigating Officer to the Block Development Officer regarding submission of details of Nuakote Sarpanch, PEO of Nuakote Gram Panchayat as well as J.E. Papadahandi Block for the year 2017-2018 and the B.D.O. submitted the report which is dated 19.08.2021 annexed to as Annexure-2 wherein it is mentioned that the petitioner was working as GPTA and his appointment status etc. has also been indicated. The learned counsel further submitted that in Annexure-2, intimation has also been provided for two other co-accused persons namely Smt. Moti Majhi and Sri Manguli Bhatra who have approached this Court for anticipatory bail in ABLAPL No.12374 of 2021 and they have been enlarged on bail vide order dated 12.11.2021.

Learned counsel for the State opposed the prayer for bail.

Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, the nature of accusation against the petitioner and the fact that the offences are triable by Magistrate and the co-accused persons have already been granted anticipatory bail, 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 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 such facts to the Court or to the Investigating Officer.

Violation of any of the above 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