

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.16247 of 2021

Sushanta Kumar Meher* *Petitioner

Mr.G.N. Sahu, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Opp. Party

*Mr.D.K. Pani,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

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

**ORDER
07.04.2022**

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02. 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 2(b)CC No.04 of 2021 arising out of Sinapali Range Offence Report No. 163S of 2021-22 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Sinapali for the commission of the alleged offences punishable under sections 39(d), 44(1)(a)(i), 51(1)(A) and 52 of Wildlife Protection Act and section 56 of Odisha Forest Act.

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

Learned counsel for the State on instruction submitted that the petitioner is having no criminal antecedents.

Considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner that implication of the petitioner is based on the confessional statement of the co-accused before forest officials, 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

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