

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.16556 of 2021

Tiki @ Manoj Khatua* *Petitioner

Mr. A.R. Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Opp. Party

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

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

**ORDER
24.01.2022**

Order No.

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This matter is taken up through video conferencing.

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 Balasore Sadar P.S. Case No. 245 of 2021 corresponding to C.T. Case No.627 of 2021 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C. (R), Balasore for the commission of the alleged offences punishable under sections 147, 148, 294, 427, 323, 506/149 of the Indian Penal Code and sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act.

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that during the course of investigation, some of the co-accused persons were taken into custody and on the basis of their confessional

statement before the police, the petitioner has been arrayed as an accused for which he is apprehending his arrest and therefore, the anticipatory bail application may be favourably considered.

Learned counsel for the State opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail.

Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties and the nature of accusation, while not inclining to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, liberty is granted to the petitioner to surrender and move for bail in the Court below within a period of four weeks, in the event of which the learned Courts below shall dispose of the same in accordance with law expeditiously and the claim of parity with the co-accused persons, who are stated to have been released on bail shall be taken into account. The case records shall be made available to the Courts concerned for disposal of the bail application.

The ABLAPL stands 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