

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.16745 of 2021

Shashikanta Baral* *Petitioner

Mr. S.K. Lenka, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Opp. Party

*Mrs. Susama Rani Sahoo,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

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

**ORDER
25.01.2022**

Order No.

01. 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
Jatni P.S. Case No. 637 of 2021 corresponding to G.R. Case
No. 675 of 2021 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C.,
Jatni for the commission of the alleged offences punishable
under sections 341, 294, 323, 324, 326, 307, 506/34 of the
Indian Penal Code.
Perused the first information report annexed to the
anticipatory bail application.
Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the
co-accused Prakash Chandra Mishra was taken into custody
and he has already been released on bail and there are no
such materials to attract the ingredients of the offence under

section 307 of the Indian Penal Code 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, the nature of accusation against the petitioner, while not inclining to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, it is observed that in the event the petitioner surrenders and moves for bail in the Court below within a period of four weeks, the learned Courts below shall dispose of the same in accordance with law expeditiously and the claim of parity with the co-accused, who is 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