

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.16786 of 2021

Santosh Sahu

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Petitioner

Mr. P.K. Dash, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opp. Party

*Smt. Susamarani Sahoo,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

CORAM:

JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

ORDER

27.01.2022

Order No.

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This matter is taken up by video conferencing mode.

Heard learned counsel 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.1125 of 2021 arising out of Baliana P.S. Case No.422 of 2021 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C.(O), Bhubaneswar for alleged commission of offences under sections 379/411/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

Perused the F.I.R.

Considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner's implication is based on the confessional statement of co-accused and the stolen articles have already been recovered and the

offences are triable by Magistrate and further submission that similarly situated co-accused Saubhagya Ranjan Pradhan has already been released on anticipatory bail in ABLAPL No.16653 of 2021 as per order dated 24.01.2022 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 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