IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.10763 of 2025

Padman Harijan … ***Petitioner***

Mr. R.L. Pattnaik, Advocate

-versus-

State of Orissa … ***Opposite Party***

Mr. C. Mohanty, Addl. PP

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)
22.12.2025

Order No.

02. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).

2. This is a bail application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Papadahandi PS Case No.0188 of 2025 corresponding to TR Case No.61 of 2025 pending in the file of learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Court under POCSO Act, Nabarangpur, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.64(2)(m)/89/296/115(2)/351(3)/3(5) of BNS r/w Section 6 of POCSO Act, on the main allegation of committing rape and aggravated penetrative sexual assault upon the victim as well as causing miscarriage of her pregnancy.

3. Heard, Mr. Rajib Lochan Pattnaik, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. C. Mohanty, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record including the copy of deposition of the

victim. None appears for the informant/victim despite being duly intimated as apprised by learned Addl. PP.

4. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offences as alleged against the petitioner vis-à-vis the accusations sought to be brought against him and regard being had to the pre trial detention of the petitioner in custody since 04.09.2025 with submission of charge-sheet in the meantime and taking into account the other circumstances on record in entirety including the statement of the victim and keeping in view the inherent right of the accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, this Court without expressing any view on merits admits the petitioner to bail.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stands allowed and the petitioner is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) only with two solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Court in seisin of the case on such terms and conditions as deem fit and proper by it with following conditions:-

> *(i) the petitioner shall not contact the victim or her family members. The petitioner shall not visit to the house or village of the victim till disposal of the case,*
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> *(ii) the petitioner shall not threaten, induce, influence or coerce any of the witnesses including the victim and her*

family members acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts before the Court.

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

7. Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

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