IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 11691 of 2025

Ashok Jani … ***Petitioner***

Ms. S.Priyadarsini, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha … ***Opposite Party***

Mr. P.Satapathy, Addl. PP

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)
10.12.2025

Order No.

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

2. This is an application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Khallikote PS Case No. 884 of 2025 corresponding to GR Case No. 2396 of 2025 pending in the file of learned JMFC, Khallikote for commission of offences punishable U/S.52(a) of the Odisha Excise Act, on the main allegation of possessing 110Ltrs. of ID Liquor.

3. Heard, Ms. Subhalata Priyadarsini, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. P.Satapathy, learned Addl. Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.

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 25.10.2025 with substantial progress in investigation in the meantime and taking into account the other circumstances on record in entirety and following the well-recognized principle *"bail is the rule, but jail is the exception*, 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.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty five Thousand) only with one solvent surety 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.

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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