IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.12876 of 2025

Kirti Ranjan Sahoo @ Athani …. **Petitioner**

Mr. S.R.Rout, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Orissa …. **Opposite Party**

Ms. B.Dash, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

Order No. **18.12.2025**

01. 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and State.

2. Instant petition under Section 483 BNSS is filed for release of the petitioner on bail in connection with Angul P.S. No.889 of 2025 pending in the file of learned Special Judge Angul corresponding to C.T. (NDPS) Case No.31 of 2025 on the grounds stated.

3. In course of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner does not have any other similar criminal antecedent. The further submission is that the contraband substance, such as, Brown sugar was shown to have been seized from the petitioner, which is less than commercial quantity and considering the same and custody from 15h September, 2025, he should be allowed to go on bail. Ms.

Dash, learned ASC for the State, on the other hand, objects to the release of the petitioner since he is involved in other cases including one registered under Arms Act. In reply to the above, it is submitted that there is no similar antecedent except the present one. It is, however submitted that the investigation is virtually over awaiting filing of the chargesheet.

4. Gone through the contents of the FIR as at Annexure-1. Admittedly, the recovery and seizure relate to less than commercial quantity of Brown sugar of 11 grams and it was from the possession of the petitioner, who claimed to have no other similar antecedent. In view of the submission as above, the Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to conditions.

5. Accordingly, it is ordered.

6. In the result, the petition under Section 483 BNSS stands allowed. Consequently, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail in connection with Angul P.S. No.889 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. (NDPS) Case No.31 of 2025 subject to him furnishing a bail bond of Rs.40,000/-(rupees forty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Special Judge, Angul, who shall impose such other suitable conditions as deemed just and proper and in the facts and circumstances of the case. It is further directed that the release of the petitioner shall be subject to verification and absence of similar criminal antecedent against him.

7. The BLAPL is disposed of.

8. Urgent certified copy of this order be granted as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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