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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Case No. : Bail Appln./3513/2026

RAJU OJAH
S/O LAQTE SIDDIQUE OJAH,
R/O BHELLA, KHANDAKAR PARA, P.S. BARPETA, DIST. BARPETA, ASSAM

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM
REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, ASS AM

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. N DEKA, MR. S BANIKYA,MR. M GOGOI

Advocate for the Respondent : PP, ASSAM,

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANJAN MONI KALITA

ORDER

Date : 12.11.2026

Heard Mr. N. Deka, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. S. Banikya, learned counsel for the accused applicant. Also heard Mr. B. Sarma, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the State.

2. This is an application under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023 praying for grant of

regular bail to the accused applicant, namely, **Raju Ojah**, in connection with Barpeta Road Police Station Case No. 123/2026 under Sections 351(2)/308(2)/329(3) of the BNS, 2023.

3. The allegation, as narrated in the FIR lodged on 26.10.2026 before Barpeta Road Police Station, is that the accused applicant went to the sawmill owned by the informant and started taking photographs. When questioned, the accused applicant demanded money from the informant. It is further alleged that the accused applicant had been frequently blackmailing the informant and demanding money from him on various pretexts without any valid reason.

4. On receipt of the FIR, police registered Barpeta Road Police Station Case No. 123/2026 under the aforementioned sections.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the accused applicant submits that the accused applicant was reporting about the saw mill and he has not demanded any money from the informant.

6. Mr. B. Sarma, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposes the prayer for bail stating that there are serious allegations against the accused applicant and the accused applicant impersonating himself as a reporter, blackmailing the informant as well as others in the locality.

7. Taking into account the entire facts and circumstance of the case as well as length of detention undergone by the accused applicant, this Court is of the opinion that bail should be granted to the accused applicant.

8. Accordingly, it is directed that the accused applicant named above shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.30,000/- each with a surety of like nature to the satisfaction of the learned CJM, Barpeta, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) the accused applicant shall cooperate in the investigation and appear before the I.O. as and when required;

(ii) the accused applicant shall not try to influence any of the witnesses that may be involved in the instant case or tamper or hamper with the investigation in whatsoever manner.

In terms of the above, the instant application is disposed of.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant