IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.459 of 2026

Janmejaya Digal @ Babu … ***Petitioner***

Mr. S. Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. R.B. Mishra, Addl. PP

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)
09.04.2026

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 Phulbani Town PS Case No.219 of 2024 corresponding to CT Case No.801 of 2024 pending in the file of learned SDJM, Phulbani, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.189(2)/ 191(2)/ 103(1)/ 103(2)/ 140(1)/190 of BNS, on the main allegation of committing murder of the deceased Jaga @ John Mukhi, along with co-accused person and 20 to 25 others.

3. Heard, Mr. Sitikant Mishra, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. R.B. Mishra, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.

4. Bail to the petitioner is opposed to by the learned Addl. PP by relying the statement of one Bablu Mukhi, but the said witness having been examined in the trial has not supported the prosecution case and has not uttered the name of the petitioner. In such situation and 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 27.12.2025 and taking into account the opinion of the Doctor as to cause of death of the deceased in the PM report and keeping in view grant of bail to co-accused Auroshish Pattnaik, Kanhu @ Kanhu Digal @ Jagamohan Digal and Saroj Kumar Behera standing on similar footing in BLAPL Nos.2921, 6386 & 9494 of 2025, 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 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 with following conditions:-

> *(i) the petitioner shall not commit any offence while on bail,*
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> *(ii) the petitioner in the course of trial shall attend the trial Court on each date of posting without fail unless his attendance is dispensed with.* ***In case the Petitioner fails without sufficient cause to appear in the Court in accordance with the terms of the bail, the learned trial Court may proceed against the***

Petitioner for offence U/S.269 of BNS, 2023 in accordance with law,

(iii) the petitioner shall not leave the territorial jurisdiction of the trial Court without prior permission till disposal of the case by intimating his present address of stay to the concerned Court,

(iv) the petitioner shall report attendance before the jurisdictional Police Station once in a fortnight preferably on a Sunday in each month in between 10 A.M. to 12 Noon for three(03) months from the actual date of release from the custody.

The I.I.C. of Jurisdictional Police Station shall not detain the petitioner unnecessarily after recording his attendance beyond the time as stipulated.

It is clarified that the Court in seisin of the case will be at liberty to cancel the bail of the petitioner without further reference to this Court, if any of the above conditions are violated or a case for cancellation of bail is otherwise made out. In the wake of aforesaid, the subsequent involvement of the petitioner in future for similar/grave offences on prima facie accusations may be treated as a ground for cancellation of bail in this case.

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules. A soft copy of this order be immediately communicated to the concerned Court, who shall afterwards communicate the same to the concerned Jail through e-mail for reference.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

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