IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.490 of 2026

Rikesh Chandra Baral … ***Petitioner***

Mr. A. Tripathy, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. R.B. Mishra, Addl. PP
Mr. S.K. Palai, Advocate (informant)

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

Order No. **ORDER(ORAL)09.04.2026**

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 Banpur PS Case No.236 of 2025 corresponding to GR Case No.351 of 2025 pending in the file of learned JMFC, Banpur for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.85/80/108/315/3(5) of BNS r/w Sec.4 of DP Act, on the main allegation of committing dowry death and abetment of suicide of his wife by subjecting her to torture and cruelty for demand of dowry, along with co-accused persons in furtherance of their common intention.

3. Heard Mr. Amitav Tripathy, learned counsel for the petitioner; Mr. Sourav Kumar Palai, learned counsel for the informant and Mr. R.B. Mishra, learned Addl. PP 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 accusation sought to be brought against him and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the petitioner in

custody since 10.07.2025 with submission of charge-sheet in the meantime and taking into account the opinion of the doctor as to cause of death of the deceased in the PM report and there being no external injury found on the person of the deceased and last but not the least, keeping in view the other circumstances on record in entirety including the inherent right of the accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, this Court without expressing any view on merit 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 informant;

(ii)the petitioner shall not threaten/ influence/induce/ coerce the witnesses acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them disclosing such facts before the Court.

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.

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(G. Satapathy)
Judge