IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.693 of 2026

Md. Salauddin … ***Petitioner***

Mr. S.C. Mohapatra, Sr. Advocate along with Mr. S.R. Panda, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. P. Satpathy, 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 Keonjhar Town PS Case No.931 of 2025 corresponding to GR Case No.2098 of 2025 pending in the file of learned SDJM, Keonjhar, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.338/336(3)/340(2)/318(4)/319(2)/ 3(5) of BNS r/w Sections 66(C)/66(D) of IT Act, on the main allegation of linking ATM Card of the bank account opened by the co-accused using the identity credentials of the informant with his own mobile device for facilitating cyber fraud.

3. Heard, Mr. Soura Chandra Mohapatra, learned Senior Counsel, who is being assisted by Mr. Sandeep Raj Panda, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. P. Satpathy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.

4. After having considered the rival submissions upon perusal of record, there appears allegation against the CICL-Ramesh Dehuri and co-accused Suman for opening up an account using the credentials of the informant and obtaining ATM Card of such account and retaining it in their possession, but when they failed to link the bank account with their mobile device, they contacted the present petitioner, who successfully linked the same with his own device and did not deliver the ATM Card and bank account of the informant to him for facilitating cyber fraud transaction, however, there is no allegation of cheating of any amount from the informant nor any material is being collected by the investigating agency for facilitating any fraud transaction using the bank account created in the name of the informant. No doubt, the petitioner have been shown to be involved in five criminal cases, but it is apprised by the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner that he has already been admitted to bail in all those cases. In the meantime, after closure of investigation, charge-sheet has already been submitted, but the petitioner is in custody since 14.11.2025. The offences alleged against the petitioner are triable by Magistrate. In the aforesaid facts and situation and taking into account the materials so placed on record and regard being had to the pre trial detention of the petitioner in custody and there being no material collected to indicate that the petitioner

would abscond in the event of his enlargement of bail and keeping in view the law laid down by the Apex Court in ***Satender Kumar Antil Vrs. Central Bureau of Investigation; (2022) 10 SCC 51***, 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 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.

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. 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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