IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.1894 of 2026

Subhransu Pradhan @ Sandhe …. **Petitioner**
Ms. S. Dash, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha …. **Opposite Party**
Mr. S. Panda, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

Order No. **07.04.2026**

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

2. Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioner seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Baunsuni P.S. Case No.17 of 2026 corresponding to Special Case No.44 of 2026 (NDPS) pending in the court of learned Special Judge, Boudh on the grounds stated.

3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. The report reveals that commercial quantity of contraband Ganja was seized from the co-accused, namely, Bhulku Danayak. The name of the petitioner is also mentioned in the FIR. It has been alleged that the petitioner fled from the spot. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is alleged to be involved on the basis of the confessional statement of the co-accused above named. Recorded the objection of the State. But considering the quantity of Ganja recovered i.e. 80 Kgs 400 grams which was being kept in a polythene bag transported in a

four wheeler and name of the petitioner was revealed by the co-accused, who was caught at the spot, this Court is not inclined to consider granting him pre-arrest bail, but is of the view that he should surrender before the learned court below seeking release on the plea advanced.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. It is further directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders before the learned Special Judge, Boudh in connection with Baunsuni P.S. Case No.17 of 2026 corresponding to Special Case No.44 of 2026 (NDPS) within a fortnight from today and moves application for bail, it shall be entertained and disposed of on the same day considering the plea as above and alleged involvement on the basis of the disclosure made by the co-accused keeping in view the decision of the Apex Court in **Tofan Singh Vrs. State of Tamil Nadu (2021) 4 SCC 1.**

6. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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