IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

Ariyan Mahanandia
(In BLAPL No.1516 of 2026)
Md. Waquar Khan @
Waquar Khan and others
(In BLAPL No.1608 of 2026)
Akash Sharma
(In BLAPL No.2076 of 2026)
Bipin Kumar Shaw
(In BLAPL No.2512 of 2026) ... ***Petitioners***

Mr. S.R. Das, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.1516 of 2026)
Mr. A. Mishra, proxy counsel on
behalf of Mr. B. Swain, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.1608 of 2026)
Mr. L. Mishra, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.2076 of 2026)
Mr. A. Rath, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.2512 of 2026)

-versus-

State of Orissa ... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. C. Mohanty, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL):09.04.2026

Order No.

02. 1. Since these four bail applications arise out of one and same case record, the same are heard together and disposed of by this common order with the consent of the learned counsel for the parties.

2. These are the bail applications U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Cyber PS Rourkela Case No.3 of 2026 corresponding to GR Case No.137 of 2026 pending in the file of learned SDJM, Panposh, at Rourkela, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.318(4)/319(2)/336(3)/338/340(2)/

61(2)/111(2)(b) of BNS r/w Section 66-D of IT Act, on the main allegation of opening up multiple bank accounts by impersonating and forging documents and using credentials of some other persons only to facilitate commission of cyber fraud.

3. Heard, Mr. Soumya Ranjan Das, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No.1516 of 2026, Mr. Arijeet Mishra, learned proxy counsel appearing on behalf of Mr. Bisworanjan Swain, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No.1608 of 2026; Mr. Lalitendu Mishra, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No.2076 of 2026; Mr. Anupam Rath, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No.2512 of 2026 and Mr. C. Mohanty, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in these matters and perused the record together with the written instruction received from the Inspector of Police, Cyber Police Station, Rourkela as produced.

4. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offences as alleged against the petitioners vis-à-vis the accusations sought to be brought against them and regard being had to the pre trial detention of the petitioners in custody since 12.01.2026 with substantial progress in investigation and there being no criminal antecedent reported against any of the petitioners and keeping in view the allegation against the petitioners for only opening up mule accounts for facilitating cyber-crime, but such accounts having not yet been

established to have been used for any cyber fraud, this Court without expressing any view on merits admits each of the petitioners to bail.

5. Hence, these four bail applications of the petitioners namely Ariyan Mahanandia (In BLAPL No.1516 of 2026), Md. Waquar Khan @ Waquar Khan, Palash Ghosh and Ayan Hussain @ Baju (In BLAPL No.1608 of 2026), Akash Sharma (In BLAPL No.2076 of 2026) and Bipin Kumar Shaw (In BLAPL No.2512 of 2026) are allowed and each of the petitioners is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) with two solvent sureties 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 condition:-

> *(i) the petitioners shall not leave the country without prior permission of the learned trial Court till disposal of the case.*

6. Accordingly, these BLAPLs stand 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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