IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.6654 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010462702026

Santosh @ Shaanta Gouda **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Dipti Ranjan Mohapatra

-versus-

State Of Odisha **.....** ***Opposite Party***

Represented by Adv. – D.K. Sahoo, A.G.A.

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
19.11.2026

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02. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Mode.

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner and learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State-Opposite Party. Perused the materials placed before this Court.

3. The present bail application under Section 483 of B.N.S.S has been filed by the Petitioner for regular bail in connection with G.R. Case No.528 of 2025, arising out of Sheragada P.S. Case No.463 of 2025, pending in the Court of learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Aska, Ganjam for alleged commission of offence punishable under Sections 296/109/118(1) of BNS.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is in custody since 25.11.2025. He further contended that in the meantime investigation has been concluded and the final charge sheet has been filed. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at

this juncture, contended that in the meantime the trial has commenced and that the injured has already been examined by the learned trial Court. He further contended that the Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent and that he belongs to the locality, therefore, there is no chance of his absconding.

5. Further referring to the allegation made in the FIR, learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted before this Court that both the Petitioner as well as the injured are the co-workers and, due to a misunderstanding between them, a scuffle took place. As a result, the injured has sustained injures. He further submitted that although the injury sustained by the injured was grievous, however, the injured after receiving treatment, he is hale and hearty and performing his normal work. It was also brought to the notice of the Court that he has already deposed before the learned trial Court. In such view of the matter, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that the Petitioner be released on bail on any stringent terms and conditions.

6. Learned Additional Government Advocate, on the other hand, opposed the bail application of the Petitioner on the ground of gravity and seriousness of the allegation. He further contended that the injured has sustained a grievous injury. Learned counsel for the State submitted that the trial has commenced, in the event the Petitioner is released on bail, there is every likelihood that he might abscond which would cause delay in conclusion of the trial.

7. Having heard learned counsel for the respective parties and on careful consideration of the surrounding facts as well as materials on record, further keeping in view the period of custodial detention of the Petitioner and in the meantime the injured has

already deposed before the learned trial Court, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail subject to imposition of stringent conditions.

8. Hence, it is directed that the Petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.40,000/- (Rupees Forty thousand) with two solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court in seisin over the matter.

9. It is open for the Court in seisin over the matter to impose any other conditions as may be deemed just and proper. Violation of any other conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail application.

10. It is further directed that the bail granted to the Petitioner shall be subject to the verification of his criminal antecedents. In the event, the Petitioner is having any criminal antecedent, then this order shall stand automatically revoked.

11. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

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(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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