IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.6616 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010474962026

Ramesh Anjana ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. -
Abhishek Dash

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. -
Mr. D.K.Sahoo, A.G.A.

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

Order No. **19.11.2026**

02. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical 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.366 of 2024, arising out of Cyber Crime P.S. Case No.40 of 2024, pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C.(Cog. Taking), Dhenkanal for alleged commission of offence punishable under Sections 318(4), 319(2), 336(2), 336(3), 338, 340(2), 61(2) and 3(5) of the BNS read with Section 66(C) and 66(D) of the I.T. Act, 2000.

4. It is stated by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is languishing in custody since 23.01.2026. He further

submitted that in the meantime, the investigation has been concluded and the preliminary charge sheet has been filed. He further submitted that though the investigation has been kept open, however the same is in respect of the accused persons who have absconded. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further submitted that the Petitioner is having several criminal antecedents, however he is ready and willing to abide by any stringent terms and conditions that will be imposed by this Court in the event of his release on bail. He further contended although the Petitioner does not belong to the State of Odisha, the Petitioner undertakes to abide by any conditions that will be imposed by this Court to secure his presence before the learned trial court.

5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner referring to the allegation made in the F.I.R. submitted before this Court that all the offences alleged against the present Petitioner are punishable for a maximum period of seven years except offence under Section 338 of the B.N.S., wherein a punishment up to ten years have been prescribed. He further contended that as per the prosecution allegation a sum of Rs.8 lakhs was transferred to the account of the present Petitioner which remain unaccounted for by the Petitioner. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at this juncture, contended that the Petitioner is ready and willing to secure such amount. It was also argued that the Petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case that he has no active role in the alleged crime. Further, referring to the period of custodial detention of the Petitioner and the fact that the charge sheet has already been filed, learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner be released on bail on any stringent terms and conditions deemed appropriated by this Court.

6. Learned Additional Standing Counsel on the other hand objected to the release of the Petitioner on bail on the ground of gravity and seriousness of the allegation. He submitted that the present case is a case of forgery and identity theft for the purpose of cheating which is rampant now a days in the State of Odisha. He further submitted that no leniency should be shown to the persons who indulge in such type of offences. He further submitted that in the event the Petitioner is released on bail, there is every likelihood that he might abscond from justice which could eventually cause delay in conclusion of the trial. On such ground, learned counsel for the State prayed for rejection of the bail application at this stage.

7. On perusal of the record, it appears that although the Petitioner has been arrested and is languishing in custody since 23.01.2026, the trial has not yet commenced. Many of the co-accused persons are still absconding and that the Investigating Officer has filed a preliminary charge sheet. So far, the F.I.R. allegation is concerned, it is the specific case of the prosecution that a total sum of Rs.8 lakhs has been transferred to the account of the present Petitioner. Taking into consideration the aforesaid fact particularly the period of custodial detention and the fact that the preliminary charge sheet has already been filed, so far the present Petitioner is concerned, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) with two local solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court in seisin over the matter. It is open for the Court in seisin over the matter to impose any other conditions as may be deemed just and proper.

8. It is further directed that the bail granted to the Petitioner shall

be subject to depositing a cash security of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) before the learned Court in seisin over the matter, which shall be kept in any Nationalized bank in interest bearing account initially for a period of one year which will be renewable from time to time till conclusion of trial and the same shall be abide by the final outcome of the trial of the case.

9. It is further directed that release of the Petitioner shall also be subject to furnishing property security of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh) before the learned trial court to the satisfaction of the learned court in seisin over the matter.

Violation of any of the terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

10. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

(A.K. Mohapatra)

Judge

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