IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.6678 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010480802026

Altaf Khan Warsi **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. -
Pabitra Kumar Nayak

-versus-

State of Odisha **.....** ***Opposite Party***

Represented by Adv. -Mr.
T.K.Acharya, A.S.C.

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

Order No. **04.11.2026**

04. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner and learned Additional Standing Counsel 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 C.T. Case No.209 of 2022, arising out of Belpahar P.S. Case No.160 of 2021, pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C-1 (Cog Taking), Jharsuguda for alleged commission of offence punishable under Sections 420 / 400 / 34 of IPC.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner has been in custody since 04.06.2026. He further

contends that, in the meantime, the investigation has been completed and the final charge-sheet has been filed.

5. Referring to the allegations made in the F.I.R., learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner is the owner of a Merchant Point having the facility of Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS) and is alleged to have conspired with the co-accused, namely, Kisan Sahu, in misappropriating a sum of Rs.16,48,240/-. The specific allegation against the present Petitioner is that he had facilitated the principal accused, Kisan Sahu, in withdrawing the aforesaid amount through his Merchant Point and had thereafter handed over the same to the said co-accused. Learned counsel for the Petitioner 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. On such grounds, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that, since the offences alleged are triable by a Magistrate and the maximum punishment prescribed is imprisonment up to seven years, coupled with the fact that the Petitioner has no criminal antecedents, he may be enlarged on bail on such terms and conditions as this Court may deem fit and proper.

6. Learned Additional Standing Counsel 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 in the event the Petitioner is released on bail there is every likelihood that he might indulge in similar criminal offences.

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 role played by the Petitioner in the alleged crime, 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. 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.

9. It is further directed that release of the Petitioner shall also be subject to furnishing property security of Rs.5,00,000/-(Rupees Five Lakh) before the learned trial court to the satisfaction of the learned court in seisin over the matter.

10. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

(A.K. Mohapatra)

Judge

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