**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**BLAPL No.8796 of 2026**
**CNR No. ODHC010652462026**

***Bhagirathi Pradhan*** ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Purna Chandra Das, S.Das

*-versus-*

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

Represented by Adv. -Mr. U.C.Jena, A.S.C.

**BLAPL No.7077 of 2026**
**CNR No. ODHC010498662026**

***Tarsem Singh Sodhi*** ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Devashis Panda

*-versus-*

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

Represented by Adv. -Mr. U.C.Jena, A.S.C.

**BLAPL No.10658 of 2026**
**CNR No. ODHC010751212026**

***Amaresh Kumar*** ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Pradeep Tiwari

*-versus-*

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

Represented by Adv. -Mr. U.C.Jena, A.S.C.

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

**ORDER**

**Order No.** **29.10.2026**

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

2. Since the all the abovenoted bail applications arise out of a common F.I.R. and the nature of the allegation against each of the accused Petitioner is almost identical, all these bail applications were taken up together for hearing and are being disposed of by the following common order.

3. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Petitioners and learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State-Opposite Party. Perused the materials placed before this Court.

4. The present bail application under Section 483 of the B.N.S.S. has been filed by the Petitioners for regular bail in connection with G.R. Case No.386 of 2026, arising out of Cyber Crime & Economic Offences, Puri P.S. Case No.12 of 2026, dated 09.03.2026, pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M, Puri for alleged commission of offence punishable under Sections 318(4)/ 336(2)/ 111(3)/ 61(2)/ 3(5) of BNS r/w-66(C)/ 66(D) of I.T. Act.

5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at the outset, contended that the Petitioners in BLAPL No.8796 of 2026 and BLAPL

No.7077 of 2026 are languishing in custody since of their arrest on 11.03.2026. So far, the Petitioner in BLAPL No.10658 of 2026 is concerned, he is in custody since 09.03.2026. Learned counsels appearing for the Petitioner further contended that in the meantime, the investigation has been concluded and the final charge sheet has been filed and, in the meantime, the charge has also been framed. They further contended that although the charge has been framed, trial has not yet commenced.

6. With regard to the allegation made in the F.I.R. learned counsels appearing for the Petitioner contended that as per the F.I.R. allegation a total amount of Rs.02,38,000/- has been allegedly defrauded by the Petitioners. Learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner in BLAPL No.8796 of 2026 submitted before this Court that some amount has already been recovered from him and that the investigating agency has already freezed his bank account. Therefore, the alleged amount is already secured.

7. Mr. P.C.Das, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner in BLAPL No.8796 of 2026 further offered that the Petitioner is ready and willing to return the money in the manner as would be determined by the Investigating Agency. He further submitted that although the Petitioner is having some criminal antecedents, he is ready and willing to abide by any stringent terms and conditions that would be imposed by this Court in the event he is released on bail.

8. Mr. D.Panda, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner

in BLAPL No.7077 of 2026 submitted before this Court that the Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent and that he has been languishing in custody since 11.03.2026. It was also brought to the notice of this Court that although the charge has been framed the possibility of the commencement of the trial in the near future is bleak. It was also argued by Mr. D.Panda, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner that no specific allegation of any particular amount having been transferred to the account of the Petitioner has been made by the prosecution as of now. In such view of the matter, Mr. D.Panda, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner submitted that taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the allegation and the fact that the Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent, although the Petitioner does not belong to the State of Odisha, he may be released on bail on any stringent terms and conditions deemed fit by this Court, which the Petitioner undertakes to abide by while on bail.

9. Mr. P.Tiwari, learned counsel for the Petitioner in BLAPL No.10658 of 2026, while adopting the argument advanced by the learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner in the two connected bail applications, contended before this Court that the Petitioner is in languishing in custody since 09.03.2026. He further emphatically submitted before this Court that the Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further submitted that although the Petitioner does not belong to the State of Odisha, however he is ready and willing to abide by any stringent terms and conditions

that would be imposed by this Court in the event of his release on bail. On such ground, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that the Petitioner be enlarged on bail.

10. Learned counsel for the State on the other hand objected to the release of the Petitioners on bail on the ground of gravity and seriousness of the allegation. He further submitted that the case involves instances of financial fraud. Therefore, no leniency should be shown to the accused persons who are involved in such type of crime. Learned counsel for the State further submitted that though a charge sheet has been filed, the investigation is still on to find out as to whether the Petitioners are involved in any other related crimes. Learned counsel for the State further contended that in the event the Petitioners are released on bail there is every likelihood that he might abscond from justice which would eventually cause delay in conclusion of the trial. In the aforesaid ground, learned counsel for the State prayed for rejection of his bail application at this stage.

11. Having heard the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties and on a careful examination of the surrounding facts and circumstances of the present case and further keeping in view the period of detention of the Petitioners in jail custody, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail subject to imposition of stringent conditions.

12. Hence, it is directed that the Petitioners be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand) each with two local solvent sureties

each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the Court in seisin over the matter subject to the following terms and conditions:

I) The Petitioners shall not indulge in similar criminal offences;

II) The Petitioners shall cooperate with the investigating agency and appear before the Investigating Officer as and when required for the purpose of investigation.

IV) The Petitioners shall appear before the Trial Court on each and every date fixed.

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

13. It is open for the Court in seisin over the matter to impose any other conditions as may be deemed just and proper.

14. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

***(A.K. Mohapatra)***

***Judge***

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