IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.7225 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010525392026

Ajay Munda ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Subha Laxmi Panda

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. – P.Satpathy, A.S.C.

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

ORDER
28.10.2026

Order No.

03. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid 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.388 of 2026, arising out of Laikera P.S. Case No.76 of 2026, pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Jharsuguda for alleged commission of offence punishable under Sections 115(2), 310(2) of the BNS read with Section 25(1-A), 27(1) of the Arms Act.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is in custody since 07.03.2026. He further contended that in the meantime investigation has been concluded and the final

charge sheet has been filed. He further contended that the Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, further referring to the allegation made in the FIR, submitted before this Court that initially the FIR was lodged against unknown accused persons. He further contended that although the Petitioner has been identified in the TI parade, however, he does not have any criminal antecedent and that the stolen articles have already been recovered in the meantime. He further submitted that there is no possibility of the trial being commenced in the near future. On such ground, learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner be released on bail on any stringent terms and conditions as would be deemed just and proper by this Court.

5. 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 or abscond from justice. On such ground, learned counsel for the State objected to the release of the Petitioner on bail.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the respective parties and on careful consideration of the surrounding facts as well as materials on record as well as nature and gravity of the allegation, further keeping in view the fact that the stolen articles have been recovered and that the Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent and coupled with the fact that the Petitioner has been languishing in custody for more than 6 months, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail subject to imposition of

stringent conditions.

7. Hence, it is directed that the Petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Forty thousand) with two solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court in seisin over the matter.

8. 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 of the conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail application.

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

10. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

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(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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