IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.8204 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010600062026

E. Suraj Kumar Dora ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. Jyotirmaya Sahoo

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. U.C. Jena, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
05.11.2026

Order No.

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

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner as well as learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State-Opposite Party. Perused the bail application as well as the documents annexed thereto.

3. This is the bail application under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 by the Petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Balugaon PS Case No.318 of 2025, corresponding to S.T. Case No.41 of 2026, arising out of G.R. Case No.685 of 2025, pending in the file of learned 1st Additional Sessions Judge, Khordha, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.140(2)/308(7)/310(2) of BNS, on the main allegation of kidnapping the victim for ransom and committing dacoity from him for a sum of Rs.6,25,130/-.

4. Heard, Mr. Jyotirmaya Sahoo, learned counsel for the Petitioner and Mr. U.C. Jena, learned Additional Standing Counsel in the matter and perused the record.

5. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offences as alleged against the Petitioner vis-à-vis the accusations sought to be brought against him and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the Petitioner in custody since 29.09.2025 with submission of charge-sheet in the meantime and taking into account the freeing of the abductee allegedly by the Petitioner and keeping in view the other circumstances on record in entirety including the inherent right of the accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial and taking into account the recovery of the robbed amount from the co-accused P. Sushil Dora, who is not before this Court in this case and last but not the least some of the co-accused persons have already been released on bail vide order dated 22.01.2026 passed a coordinate Bench of this Court in BLAPL Nos.11804 of 2025, 12055 of 2025 and 12272 of 2025, this Court without expressing any view on merits admits the Petitioner to bail.

6. Hence, the bail application of the Petitioner is allowed and the Petitioner is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) with two solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Court in seisin of the case on such terms and conditions as deem fit and proper by it with following conditions:-

> *(i) the Petitioner shall not contact the injured/abductee or visit to his house or village till disposal of the case,*

(ii) the Petitioner shall not threaten, induce, influence or coerce any of the witnesses including the family members of the injured/abductee acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts before the Court,

(iii) the Petitioner shall report attendance before the jurisdictional Police Station once in a fortnight preferably on a Sunday in each month in between 10 A.M. to 12 Noon for six(06) months from the actual date of release from the custody.

7. The I.I.C. of Jurisdictional Police Station shall not detain the Petitioner unnecessarily after recording his attendance beyond the time as stipulated. This Court, however, reserves the liberty to the abductee and the State to file appropriate application for cancellation of bail, if any of the conditions are violated or a case for cancellation of bail is otherwise made out. It is made clear that in such event for being approached for cancellation of bail, the learned trial Court would be at liberty to pass appropriate order in accordance with law without further reference to this Court.

8. Accordingly, these BLAPL stands disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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