IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.8355 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010607802026

Narayan Lohar **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. -
Soumya Ranjan Das

-versus-

STATE OF ODISHA **.....** ***Opposite Party***

Represented by Adv.
– U.C. Jena, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
03.11.2026

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02. 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 S.T. Case No.162/24 of 2024, arising out of Rourkela Raghunathpali P.S. Case No.328 of 2023, pending in the Court of learned 2nd Additional Sessions Judge, Rourkela for alleged commission of offence punishable under Sections 498-A/324/436 of IPC.

4. It is stated by learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is languishing in custody since 22.07.2024. He further contended that in the meantime charge-sheet has been filed and the trial has commenced. He

further submitted that the Petitioner has been in custody for more than two years in the meantime and out of twelve prosecution witnesses, only two witnesses have been examined. In such view of the matter, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that since there is no possibility of the trial being concluded in the near future, the Petitioner be enlarged on bail on any stringent terms and conditions.

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 submitted that the Informant happens to be the wife of the present Petitioner. Learned counsel for the State further contended that due to a quarrel between the husband and wife, the Petitioner-husband set the house on fire and fled away from the spot. Further, it was submitted that many household articles were damaged as a result of such fire. On such ground, learned counsel for the State contended that in the event the Petitioner is released on bail there is every likelihood that he might have a quarrel with the Informant again and pose a threat to the family of the Informant.

6. Considering the submissions made by learned counsel appearing for both sides on a careful examination of the nature and gravity of the allegation, further taking note of the period of custodial detention of the Petitioner and the fact that only two witnesses out of twelve witnesses have been examined so far, 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.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.

8. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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