IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.8541 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010630012026

Suresh Sodi ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Mangu Nandy

-versus-

State of Odisha & Anr. ..... ***Opposite Parties***

Represented by Adv. -Mr. M.K..Mohanty, A.S.C.

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
10.11.2026

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

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as the learned counsel for the State. Perused the bail application as well as the case diary and other materials placed on record by the learned counsel for the State in course of hearing.

3. This is an application under Section 483 of B.N.S.S. filed by the Petitioner for bail in connection with C.T. Case No.61 of 2026 corresponding to Malkangiri P.S. Case No.251 of 2026, dated 06.05.2026 pending in the Court of the learned Sessions Judge, Malkangiri for alleged commission of offence under Section 64(2)(m), 77, 78 & 351(3) of BNS read with Sections 66E, 67 & 67(A) of the IT Act.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at the outset, contended that the Petitioner has been arraigned in connection with the present

case and has been languishing in custody since 10.05.2026. He further contended that in the meantime investigation has been concluded and the final charge sheet has been filed. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at the outset contended that the Petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is also argued by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that both the Petitioner and the victim were known to each other and they had a love relationship. Since their marriage did not take place, the victim, at the instance of her family member, has lodged this false F.I.R. against the present Petitioner. On such ground, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that the Petitioner be enlarged on bail on any stringent terms and conditions.

5. Learned counsel for the State on the other hand objected to release the Petitioner on bail on the ground of gravity and seriousness of the allegation. He further submitted that the investigation has revealed the involvement of the Petitioner in the alleged crime. He further submitted that the Petitioner has taken obscene and nude photographs of the victim and the same have been disseminated on social media platforms. It is also brought to the notice of this Court that such photographs were seized from the mobile phone of the Petitioner. He further contended that the victim in her statement has clearly implicated against the present Petitioner. On such ground, learned counsel for the State objected to the release of the petitioner on bail at this juncture.

6. Perused the case diary as well as the statement of the victim recorded under Section 183 of the B.N.S.S. On perusal of the statement, it appears that the victim has clearly alleged that the Petitioner, giving an impression that he is a bachelor, developed relationship with the victim. Later on, the Petitioner kept forcible physical relationship with the victim. It has also been alleged by the

victim that the Petitioner had taken obscene and nude photographs of the victim. Later, the victim came to learn that the Petitioner is a married person and he is having a child at of such marriage. Thereafter, when the victim tried to avoid the Petitioner, the Petitioner blackmailed the victim and circulated the nude and obscene photographs of the victim on social media, thereby defaming her publicly.

7. On perusal of the case diary as well as the materials brought on record during examination and on a careful examination of the statement of the victim recorded under Section 183 of the B.N.S.S., this Court is not inclined to release the Petitioner on bail at this juncture. However, while disposing of the present application, liberty is granted to the petitioner to move a fresh bail application after the deposition of the victim is recorded by the learned trial court.

8. With the aforesaid observations, the BLAPL is disposed of.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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