IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.8657 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010631702026

Manoranjan Pradhan @ Pappu ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Manoranjan Das

-versus-

State Of Odisha ..... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. U.C. Jena, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
10.11.2026

Order No.

02. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned counsel for the State. Perused the application as well as documents annexed thereto.

3. The present bail application under Section 483 of BNSS, has been filed by the Petitioner for regular bail relating to Banharpali P.S. Case No.215 of 2026, corresponding to C.T. Case No.579 of 2026, pending before the learned Civil Judge (Jr. Div.)-cum-J.M.F.C, Lakhanpur Jharsuguda, for alleged commission of offence punishable under Sections 331(4), 310(2) of BNS.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is in custody since 15.07.2026. He further contended that in the meantime the investigation has been concluded and the final charge-sheet has been filed. He further contended that although the Petitioner is having two criminal antecedents, however, the same

are not similar in nature. He further contended that the Petitioner belongs to the locality, therefore, there is no chance of his absconding. Further, referring to the allegation made in the FIR, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that the Petitioner was not arrested from the spot and no recovery has been made from the possession of the present Petitioner. He further contended that the Petitioner has been implicated in the present case on the basis of the co-accused statement. In such view of the matter, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that the Petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any terms and conditions as this Court deems fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

5. Learned counsel for the State, 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 the Petitioner is having criminal antecedents and in the event the Petitioner is released on bail, there is every likelihood that he might abscond from justice or indulge in similar criminal offence. In such view of the matter, he submitted that the bail application of the Petitioner be rejected at this juncture.

6. 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, further keeping in view the period of detention of the Petitioner in jail custody, and the fact that the Petitioner belongs to the locality, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail subject to the Petitioner furnishing bail bond of Rs.45,000/- (Rupees Forty-Five Thousand) with two solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court in seisin over the matter. The release of the Petitioner shall

also be subject to such other terms and conditions as is deemed just and proper by the court in seisin over the matter. Violation of any of the terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

7. It is further directed that the bail granted to the Petitioner be subject to the condition that the court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the Petitioner. In the event the Petitioner is having more than two criminal antecedents, then this bail order shall automatically stand revoked.

8. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy as per Rules.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

S.K. Rout

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