IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.9033 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010633992026

Jatin Kumar Bhuyan **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Manas Kumar Chand

-versus-

State Of Odisha(Vig.) **.....** ***Opposite Parties***

Represented by Adv. – Mr. S.K. Das, S.C. (for Vigilance)

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

Order No. **ORDER**
09.11.2026

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

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State (Vigilance). Perused the materials placed before this Court.

3. The present bail application under Section 483 of B.N.S.S., 2023 has been filed by the Petitioner for regular bail in connection with G.R. Case No. 04 of 2026(V) arising out of Berhampur Vigilance P.S Case No- 04 of 2026 pending in the Court of learned Special Judge (Vigilance), Berhampur for the alleged commission of offence punishable U/s.13(2) r/w 13(l)(a)/12 of the Prevention of Corruption (Ammendment) Act, 2018 r/w Sec. 409/467/468/471/120-B of IPC & Sec. 316(5)/336(3)/338/340(2)/61 of BNS.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the

Petitioner is in custody since 08.04.2026. In the meantime, the final charge-sheet has already been filed and the trial has commenced. So far as the progress of the trial is concerned, the learned Standing Counsel for the Vigilance Department on the basis of the instruction dated 07.11.2026 submitted before this Court that out of a total 15 number of prosecution witnesses, only four witnesses have already been examined by the prosecution and the next date have been fixed to 13.11.2026 for further trial.

5. The learned counsel for the Petitioner, in course of his argument, submitted that some of the co-accused persons have already been enlarged on bail by this Court and that, so far as the present Petitioner is concerned, he stands on similar footing with those co-accused persons who have already been released on bail. The learned counsel for the Petitioner further contended that the Petitioner happens to be a Government employee and, therefore, there is no likelihood of his absconding from justice. In such view of the matter, the learned counsel for the Petitioner prayed that the Petitioner be released on bail on such terms and conditions as may be imposed by this Court.

6. Learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Vigilance Department, on the other hand, referring to the departmental instruction vide letter dated 07.11.2026, seriously opposed the release of the Petitioner on bail. He further submitted that the present petitioner is the kingpin of the entire financial fraud case. It was contended that, in the event the Petitioner is released on bail, there is every likelihood of his tampering with the prosecution witnesses. Therefore, he submitted that the prayer for bail of the Petitioner be rejected at this stage.

7. 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 and further keeping the view the period of detention of the Petitioner in jail custody and some of the co-accused persons have already been enlarged on bail, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail subject to imposition of stringent conditions.

8. Hence, it is directed that the Petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing bail bond of Rs.50,000/-(Rupees Fifty Thousand) with two local solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the Court in seisin over the matter.

9. 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.

10. It is further directed that the bail granted to the petitioner shall be subject to depositing a cash security of Rs.1,00,000/-(rupees One Lakh) and furnishing property security of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh) before the learned court in seisin over the matter, which shall be kept in any Nationalized Bank in interest bearing account initially for a period of one year which will be renewable from time to time till conclusion of trial and the same shall be abide the final outcome of the trial of the case.

11. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted as per rules.

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(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge