IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.9425 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010695202026

Gajanan Naik …. ***Petitioner***

Mr. B.K. Das, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S. Panda, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER
28.10.2026

Order No.

02. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. The Petitioner is accused in connection with S.T. Case No.200/46 of 2023 pending on the file of learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Sambalpur, arising out of Dhanupali P.S. Case No.68 of 2023 for commission of offence alleged under Sections 302/34 of IPC.

3. Learned counsel, on instruction, submits that except the present BLAPL, no other bail application of the Petitioner relating to the aforementioned P.S. case is pending in any other Court.

4. Being aggrieved by the rejection of his applications for bail U/s.483 of the BNSS by the learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Sambalpur by order dated 30.07.2026 in the aforementioned case, the present BLAPL has been filed.

5. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the co-accused with graver complicity have already been enlarged on bail by order dated 29.04.2026 by this Court in BLAPL No.13021 of 2025. Hence, further continuance of the Petitioner in custody is not warranted.

6. It is also stated that present Petitioner is similarly circumstanced with one Sarat Charan Khura who has been enlarged on bail by order dated 11.10.2023 by this Court in BLAPL No.9057 of 2023. Hence, on the ground of parity, the Petitioner seeks release.

7. It is further submitted by the learned counsel that the Petitioner was released on interim bail on four occasions and he has never betrayed the trust reposed in him. In such background, it is stated that his further continuance in custody is punitive.

8. Learned counsel for the State opposes such prayer.

9. Taking into account the tenor of evidence on record and release of the co-accused, this Court directs the Petitioner shall be released on bail on such terms to be fixed by the learned Court in seisin.

10. Additionally, it is directed that the Petitioner shall appear before the jurisdictional police station once every Sunday at 11 A.M till conclusion of trial. Certification of such appearance shall be submitted to the Court in seisin.

11. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. U.C.C as per rules.

12. Registry is requested to send a copy of this order via electronic mode to the Superintendent of the concerned Jail, in addition to the communication through Order Communication Portal (OCP) of this Court.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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