IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.9307 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010698532026

Girish Chandra Digal ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. -
Akshaya Kumar Sahoo

-versus-

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

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 learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State.

3. This is an application under Section 483 of the B.N.S.S. filed by the Petitioner for bail in connection with Tikabali P.S. Case No.136 of 2026 corresponding to C.T. Case No.359 of 2026 pending in the Court of the learned J.M.F.C., G.Udayagiri for alleged commission of offence under Section 316(4)/318(4) of BNS.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner is in custody since 30.06.2026. He further contended that, in the meantime, the investigation has been completed and the final charge sheet has been filed. Referring to the criminal antecedent of the Petitioner, learned counsel fairly submitted that although the Petitioner has one criminal antecedent, he is ready and willing to

abide by any stringent terms and conditions that may be imposed by this Court while releasing him on bail. He further contended that the Petitioner is a Government employee and, therefore, there is no likelihood of his absconding from justice. In such view of the matter, learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner be released on bail on such terms and conditions as this Court deems fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case. He also offered that the Petitioner is ready and willing to secure the amount allegedly misappropriated by him.

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 Petitioner, who happens to be a Government employee, is alleged to have misappropriated public money which was entrusted to him for deposit with the Post Office. He further contended that the Petitioner has one criminal antecedent, which relates to an offence under the Gambling Act. On the basis of the aforesaid submissions, learned counsel for the State opposed the prayer for release of the Petitioner on bail.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the respective parties and on careful consideration of the surrounding facts as well as materials on record, further taking into consideration the period of detention, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) with two local solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned 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 is

subject to depositing a cash security of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One 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 by the final outcome of the trial of the case.

8. It is further directed that release of the Petitioner shall also be subject to furnishing property security of Rs.15,00,000/-(Rupees Fifteen Lakh) before the learned trial court to the satisfaction of the learned court in seisin over the matter.

9. BLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

10. Issue urgent certified copy as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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