IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.10072 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010750222026

Kaleswar Jal **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Tara Prasad Mohapatra

-versus-

State Of Odisha **.....** ***Opposite Party***

Represented by Adv. –

Miss Babita Kumari Sahu, AGA

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

ORDER
12.11.2026

Order No.

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

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned Additional Government Advocate 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 Khaparakhol P.S. Case No.181 of 2026, corresponding to Spl. G.R. Case No.17 of 2026, pending before the Addl. Sessions Judge-cum-Spl. Judge, Patnagarh, for alleged commission of offence punishable under Section 20(b)(ii)(B) of N.D.P.S. Act.

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

the Petitioner is in custody since 05.09.2026. Further, submitted that the Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further refers to the allegation made in the FIR, submitted that a total quantity of 11.330 Kgs. of contraband Ganja has been recovered from the possession of the present Petitioner. He further contended that the bar under Section 37 of N.D.P.S. Act would not be attracted as it cannot be conclusively said that the contraband article was recovered from the exclusive and conscious possession of the present Petitioner. He further contended that the Petitioner belongs to the locality, therefore, there is no chance of his absconding. He further submitted that the Petitioner does not have any similar criminal antecedent. 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. He further contended that taking into consideration the fact that such cases are increasing day-by-day in the State of Odisha, no leniency should be shown to the petitioner. 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 bar under Section 37 of NDPS Act would not be attracted to the facts of the present case, and the fact that the Petitioner belongs

to the locality and that he does not have any similar criminal antecedent, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail subject to the Petitioner furnishing bail bond of Rs.35,000/- (Rupees Thirty-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 any similar criminal antecedent, 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

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