IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.10267 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010755962026

Sanjay Kumar Pandit ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. -
Surendra Kumar Biswal

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. -
Mr. S.K.Das, Standing
Counsel for Vigilance
Department

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
10.11.2026

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

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned Standing Counsel for the Vigilance Department.

3. This is an application under Section 483 of the B.N.S.S. filed by the Petitioner for bail in connection with Balasore Vigilance P.S. Case No.20 dtd.03.09.2026 corresponding to V.G.R. No.10 of 2026 pending in the Court of the learned Special Judge (Vigilance), Balasore for alleged commission of offence under Section 13(2) r/w. 13(l)(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 2018 along with U/s.409/ 477-A/ 120-B of I.P.C.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner is in custody since 03.09.2026. He further contended that, in the

meantime, the investigation has progressed substantially, although the charge sheet has not yet been filed. He further submitted that the Petitioner is working as a Panchayat Executive Officer (P.E.O.) and, therefore, there is no likelihood of his absconding from justice. Learned counsel further contended that certain recoveries have also been made from the Petitioner. In view of the aforesaid submissions, learned counsel for the Petitioner, taking into consideration the period of custodial detention as well as the nature and gravity of the allegations, prayed that the Petitioner be released on bail on such stringent terms and conditions as this Court may deem fit and proper.

5. Mr. S.K. Das, learned Standing Counsel for the Vigilance Department, on the other hand, referring to the instructions dated 22.10.2026, opposed the prayer for bail on the ground that the investigation is still in progress and the final charge sheet has not yet been filed. He further contended that, in the event the Petitioner is released on bail, there is every likelihood of his absconding from justice, which may eventually impede the progress of the investigation.

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.40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand) with two local solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court in seisin over the matter subject to the following terms and conditions:

I) The Petitioner shall cooperate with investigation and shall appear before the I.O. as and when

required for the purpose of investigation.

II) The Petitioner shall appear before the learned Trial Court as and when his presence is required for the purpose of the trial.

7. 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 terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

8. BLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

9. Issue urgent certified copy as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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