IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.10098 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010756882026

Sonu Pradhani **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv.
- Mahes Das

-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 Standing Counsel 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 Balliguda P.S. Case No.189 of 2026, corresponding to C.T. Case No.324 of 2026, pending before the learned S.D.J.M., Balliguda for alleged commission of offence punishable under Section 303(2)/331(3)/3(5) of BNS.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is in custody since 10.08.2026. He further submitted

that in the meantime the investigation has been completed and charge sheet has been filed. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contended that the petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent and he belongs to the locality and therefore there is no chance of absconding. Further, referring to the allegation made in the FIR, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the alleged offences are triable by Magistrate and the maximum punishment that can be imposed is up to 7 years. In the aforesaid context, learned counsel for the petitioner brings attention of this Court to the ratio laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Satyendra Kumar Antil v. Central Bureau of Investigation and Another*** submitted before this Court that the petitioner may be enlarged on bail on any terms and conditions. He further contended that the co-accused namely Srikhand Kausalya has already been released on bail in ABLAPL No.11570 of 2026 vide order dated 14.10.2026 of a co-ordinate bench.

5. Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, objected the release of the petitioner on bail on the ground of gravity of serious allegation. He further submitted that in the event, the petitioner's release on bail, it is likelihood that he might indulge in several criminal offences and possibility of the petitioner's absconding, which cannot be ruled out.

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 charge sheet has already been filed, and the fact that the Petitioner belongs to the locality and that he does not have any

criminal antecedent, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail subject to the Petitioner furnishing bail bond of Rs.40,000/- (Rupees Forty 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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