IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.10283 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010757672026

Sachidananda Bhoi **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv.
- Abhinav Agarwal

-versus-

State Of Odisha **.....** ***Opposite Parties***

Represented by Adv.
–Mr. U.C. Jena, ASC

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

ORDER

18.11.2026

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

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State. Perused the materials placed before this Court.

3. The present bail application under Section 483 of B.N.S.S., 2023 has been filed by the Petitioner for regular bail in connection with G.R. Case No. 1130 of 2023 arising out of Kotinada PS Case No.- 160/2023 pending in the Court of learned JMFC Aska, Dist – Ganjam for the alleged commission of offence punishable under Section 420/34 IPC.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is in custody since 06.07.2026. In the meantime, the investigation has been concluded and final charge-sheet has already been filed. He further submitted that the Petitioner has some criminal

antecedents and he belongs to the locality, therefore, there is no chance of absconding.

5. Further referring to the prosecution allegations made in the F.I.R., the learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that the Petitioner and his wife had taken a sum of Rs.10,00,000/- from the Informant. However, the said amount was not returned to the Informant. Alleging commission of the offence of cheating, the Informant lodged the F.I.R.

The learned counsel for the Petitioner produced a copy of the affidavit dated 28.07.2026 sworn by the Informant in B.A. No.189 of 2026 before the learned Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Ganjam, in which the wife of the present Petitioner has already been enlarged on bail. On perusal of the said affidavit, it appears that the Informant has received a sum of Rs.5,00,000/- and the balance amount has been undertaken to be returned in the near future.

At this juncture, the learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that, in the event this Court grants some time, the Petitioner is ready and willing to return the balance amount to the Informant. In view of the aforesaid circumstances, the learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner may be released on bail on such terms and conditions as may be imposed by this Court.

6. Learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State-Opposite Party, on the other hand, opposed the release of the Petitioners on bail on the ground of gravity and seriousness of the allegation as well as the fact that in the event the Petitioner is released on bail, there is every likelihood that he might abscond, which may cause delay in trial. He further contended that the

Petitioner has some criminal antecedents. Therefore, he submitted that the prayer for bail of the Petitioners be rejected at this juncture.

7. 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, particularly taking into note to the subsequent development as well as affidavit dated 28.07.2026 filed in B.A. No.189 of 2026, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail, subject to the imposition of stringent conditions.

8. Hence, it is directed that the Petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) with two local solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the Court in seisin over the matter.

9. 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 conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail application.

10. It is further directed that the bail granted to the Petitioner shall be subject to the additional condition that the Petitioner shall, as indicated in the affidavit, refund the balance amount to the Informant within a period of four months, failing which the Informant shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to the Petitioner.

11. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted as per rules.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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