IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.10367 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010768602026

Pratap Kumar Mohanty **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. – M/s.Durgadutta Mohapatra

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. – M.K. Mohanty, A.S.C.

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
19.11.2026

Order No.

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

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned counsel for the State. Perused the Bail application as well as the case diary and other materials placed on record in course of hearing of the bail application.

3. This is an application under Section 483 of the BNSS filed by the Petitioner for bail in connection with G.R. Case No.997 of 2025, corresponding to S.T Case No.411 of 2026, arising out of Balanga P.S. Case No.235 of 2025, pending in the Court of the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Nimapara for alleged of offence under Sections 318(4)/316(2)/351(2)/303(2)/115(2) of the B.N.S.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, at the outset, contended that the Petitioner has been languishing in custody since 04.04.2026. She further submitted that in the meantime though

charge sheet has been filed, however, the trial has not commenced. She further contended that although the Petitioner is having some antecedents, however, those are all year-old cases prior to the year 2020. Further, referring to the allegation made in the FIR, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that the Petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case at the instance of the informant. On such ground, learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner be released on bail on any stringent terms and conditions.

5. Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, objected to the release of the Petitioner on bail on the ground of gravity and seriousness of the allegation. He further submitted that in the event the Petitioner is released on bail, there is every likelihood that he might either abscond from justice or indulge in similar nature of offences. Further, referring to the antecedents of the present Petitioner, learned counsel for the State submitted that he has been involved in several cases of kidnapping of the present nature where the Petitioner has misguided many ladies and exploited them sexually. On such ground, learned counsel for the State seriously objected to the release of the Petitioner on bail.

6. Upon hearing the learned counsels appearing for both sides, on a careful examination of the materials on case diary, this Court is not inclined to release the Petitioner on bail at this juncture. However, while disposing of the present bail application, a direction is given to the learned trial Court to expedite the trial and make every endeavour to conclude the same as expeditiously as possible, preferably, within a period of four months. In the event trial is not concluded within the aforesaid period, it is open for the

Petitioner to move an application for bail before the learned trial Court and in the event such a bail application is filed the same shall be considered on its own merit and the materials available on record, without being influenced by earlier rejection order of the Petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL is disposed of.

7. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

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(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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