IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.11952 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010773472026

Sri Bijay Sahoo @ Chhabi Sahoo and another ..... ***Petitioners***

Represented by Adv. - Sevati Soren

-versus-

State Of Odisha and another ..... ***Opposite Parties***

Ms. B.L. Tripathy, ASC

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

ORDER
23.10.2026

Order No.

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

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsel for the State-Opposite Party. Perused the records.

3. The present application has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS for releasing the Petitioners on anticipatory bail for alleged commission of offences under Sections 115(2), 126(2), 3(5), 79 of BNS read with Section 3(l)(1)(r), 3(1)(s) of SC and ST (PoA) Act. However, in view of the bar contained under Sections 18 as well as 18-A of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of

Atrocities) Act, 1989, the present application u/s 482 of BNSS is not maintainable. The provisions of section 482 of BNSS is not applicable to the case registered involving an offence under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

4. Further, this Court has also elaborately discussed the issue in the case of ***Pramod Kumar Ray and others-vrs.-State of Odisha***, reported in ***(2017) 67 OCR 309***. In the light of the principle laid down by this Court in ***Pramod Kumar Ray*** (supra), the present bail application is being disposed of with the following observations.

5. The Petitioners shall surrender before the learned Judge Special Court SC & ST (P.A.) Act, Cuttack, in C.T. Case No.253 of 2026, arising out of Markatnagar P.S. Case No.321 of 2026 on or before 25.11.2026. Seven days before the Petitioners surrender before the said Court, their counsel shall serve a copy of the bail application or such number of copies of the bail application on the learned Public Prosecutor/Special Public Prosecutor, as required by him, for the purpose of notice to the victim or his/her counsel or dependent.

6. Further, it is directed that on advance intimation the case diary and other relevant materials be made available to the Court in seisin over the matter by the date of surrender. The learned Court in seisin over the matter is further directed to consider the case of the Petitioners in accordance with law and shall dispose of the bail application on the very same day.

7. Till the date of surrender of the Petitioners as stipulated in this

order, the Petitioners shall not be arrested in connection with the aforesaid case.

8. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy as per Rules.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Vacation Judge

S.K. Rout

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