IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.10512 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010776312026

Uttam @ Santosh Dash ***.....*** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. Jugala Kishore Panda

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. U.C. Jena, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
12.11.2026

Order No.

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

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner as well as learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State-Opposite Party. Perused the materials placed before this Court.

3. The present bail application under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 has been filed by the Petitioner for regular bail in connection with G.R. (C.T.) Case No.1043 of 2026, arising out of Colliery P.S. Case No.440 of 2026, pending in the court of learned J.M.F.C. (Cog. Taking), Talcher, for alleged commission of offences punishable under Sections 331(3)/305(a) of BNS, 2023.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is languishing in jail custody since 15.07.2026. He further submitted that in the meantime investigation has been concluded and final charge sheet has been filed. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further submitted that although the Petitioner is having some criminal antecedent, however, he is ready and willing to abide by any stringent terms and conditions that would be imposed by this Court in the event he is released on bail. He further submitted that the Petitioner belongs to the locality, therefore, there is no chance of his absconding.

5. Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, opposed the release of the Petitioner on bail on the ground that the Petitioner is having several criminal antecedents and that in the event the Petitioner is released on bail, there is every likelihood that he might indulge in similar criminal offences.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties, and upon a careful examination of the nature and gravity of the allegations, as well as the fact that charge sheet has been filed and the offences alleged against the Petitioner are triable by Magistrate, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail.

7. Hence, it is directed that the Petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing bail bond of Rs.40,000/- (Rupees forty thousand) with two local solvent sureties for the like amount to the satisfaction of the court in seisin over the matter. The release of the Petitioner shall also be subject to the following conditions:-

I. He shall appear before the local police station once in a fortnight, preferably on 'Sunday' in between 10.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. for a period three months, thereafter once in a month for a period of three months; and

II. He shall furnish a cash security of Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand) before the court in seisin over the matter, which shall be kept in any Nationalized Bank in interest bearing account initially for a period of one year which will be renewable from time to time till conclusion of trial and the same shall be abide by the final outcome of the trial of the case.

8. It is open for the court in seisin over the matter to impose any other conditions as it may be deemed just and proper. Violation of any of the conditions imposed either by this court or the court in seisin over the matter shall entail cancellation of the bail.

9. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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