IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.10620 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010781502026

Madhab Khemudu ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv.
- Pranab Kumar Das

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. Pradipta Satpathy,
ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
03.11.2026

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 appearing for the State-Opposite Party.

3. This is an application under Section 483 of B.N.S.S., 2023 filed by the Petitioner for bail in connection with Special G.R. Case No.220 of 2023, arising out of Chitrakonda P.S. Case No.203 of 2023, pending in the court of the learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Malkangiri, for alleged commission of offence punishable under Section 20(b)(ii)(C)/25/27-A/29 of the N.D.P.S. Act, 1985.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner does not want to press

this bail application at this juncture and prays that the trial court be directed to expedite the trial and the same be concluded within a stipulated period of time. By making such submission, learned counsel for the Petitioner stated before this Court that although the Petitioner is languishing in jail custody since 01.11.2023 i.e. more than three years, however, in the meantime, only one witness out of 12 prosecution witnesses has been examined.

5. Considering the aforesaid submissions, while disposing of the bail application of the Petitioner as not pressed, this Court directs the trial court to make every endeavour to expedite the trial and to conclude the same as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four months from the date of production of certified copy of this order. In the event trial is not concluded within the aforesaid period, it is open for the Petitioner to move the trial court again by filing a fresh bail application. In such event, the trial court shall consider the bail application of the Petitioner on its own merit and by taking into consideration the judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Rabi Prakash v. State of Odisha*** (SLP (Crl) No.4169 of 2023 disposed of on 13.07.2023) and in ***Dhiraj Kumar Shukla v. State of Uttar Pradesh,*** reported in ***2023 SCC Online SC 918***.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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