IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.11008 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010798362026

Keshab Jena **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. Arijeet Mishra

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. U.C. Jena, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
11.11.2026

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

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner and 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 2(a)CC Case No.70 of 2026, arising out of Office-in-Charge, Pattamundai Excise Station P.R. No.105/2026-2027, pending in the court of learned NGN-cum-J.M.F.C., Rajnagar, for alleged commission of offence punishable under Section 52(a)(i) of Odisha Excise Act.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that

the Petitioner is in custody since 18.09.2026. He further submitted that the investigation in this case has substantially progressed and the final P.R. is likely to be filed very soon. As per the prosecution allegation, 43.920 liters of IMFL of different brands, 46.150 liters of Beer and 20 liters of C.S. liquor were recovered from the house of the Petitioner. He further contended that the Petitioner belongs to the locality, therefore, there is no chance of his absconding. He also submitted that although the Petitioner is having one similar 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.

5. Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, opposed the release of the Petitioner on bail on the ground of seriousness and gravity of the offence alleged against the Petitioner. He further submitted that investigation is still on. Therefore, in the event the Petitioner is released on bail, there is every likelihood that he might abscond from justice which would eventually cause delay in conclusion of the investigation as well as filing of the charge sheet. On such grounds, learned counsel for the State prayed for rejection of the bail application of the Petitioner.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties and on a careful examination of the materials on record, 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.30,000/- (Rupees thirty 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 such other terms and conditions as would be fixed by the court in seisin over the matter. Violation of any of the terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

8. It is further directed that the bail granted to the Petitioner is subject to depositing a cash security of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees two thousand) before the learned 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.

9. It is also directed that the bail granted to the Petitioner shall be subject to the condition that the court below shall verify whether the Petitioner has any criminal antecedent of similar nature. In the event it is found that the Petitioner is having more than one criminal antecedent of similar nature, then this bail order shall automatically stand revoked.

10. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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