IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.11888 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010825242026

Karunakar Pattanaik ***.....*** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. Pitabas Khuntia

-versus-

State of Odisha ***.....*** ***Opposite Parties***

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. Case No.1110 of 2026, arising out of Itamati P.S. Case No.354 of 2026, pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Nayagada, for alleged commission of offences punishable under Sections 318(4)/338/336(3)/61(2)/340(2) of BNS, 2023.

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

the Petitioner has been languishing in jail custody since 02.10.2026. He further submitted that although the investigation has progressed substantially in the meantime, the charge sheet has not yet been filed. It is also submitted that the Petitioner belongs to the locality, therefore, there is no chance of his absconding. Referring to the allegation made in the F.I.R., learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted before this Court that the Petitioner was initially not named in the F.I.R. He further submitted that in course of investigation, the Petitioner has been arrayed as an accused and he has been arrested in connection with the present case. It was also brought to the notice of this Court that all the offences are triable by a Magistrate and that the Petitioner does not have any similar criminal antecedent. On such grounds, learned counsel for the Petitioner prayed for the release of the Petitioner on bail on any terms and conditions as deemed just and proper by this Court.

5. Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, opposed the release of the Petitioner on bail on the ground of gravity and seriousness of the allegation. He further contended 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 eventually cause delay in conclusion of the investigation as well as filing of the charge sheet.

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 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 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 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 having any criminal antecedent of similar nature, then this bail order shall automatically stand revoked.

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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