IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.12254 of 2025

Jaga @ Ashok Naik … ***Petitioner***

Mr. J. Katikia, Advocate

-versus-

State of Orissa … ***Opposite Party***

Mr. P. Satpathy, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)08.04.2026

Order No.

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

2. This is a bail application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Narasinghpur PS Case No.283 of 2022 corresponding to ST Case No.80 of 2023 pending in the file of learned JMFC, Narasinghpur for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.341/324/323/326/307 of IPC, on the main allegation of committing murder of one Mili Naik.

3. In the course of hearing, Mr. Janmejaya Katikia, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that although the petitioner is in custody since 20.12.2022, but the trial is yet to be concluded and, therefore, the petitioner may kindly be granted bail for delay in disposal of the case.

3.1. On the other hand, Mr. P. Satpathy, learned Addl. PP by placing the evidence of PW.4 prays to reject the bail application of the petitioner.

4. This Court, however, has the privilege to go through the evidence of witnesses so far examined as supplied. In the aforesaid situation and after having

considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offences as alleged against the petitioner vis-à-vis the allegation sought to be brought against him and keeping in view the materials so placed on record on the backdrop of the evidence of the witnesses examined, more particularly that of PW.4 and the offence as alleged against the petitioner being serious and heinous in nature and taking into account the law laid down by the Apex Court in ***X vs. State of Rajasthan; (2024) SCC OnLine SC 3539,*** this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stands rejected. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

6. Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules. A soft copy of this order be immediately communicated to the learned trial Court.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

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