**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**
**BLAPL No.12220 of 2026**
**CNR No. ODHC010843162026**

***Santos Kumar Mahanand*** ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. -
Dr. Janmejaya Ray

*-versus-*

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

Represented by Adv. –

Smt. Sasmita Nayak,
ASC

**CORAM:**
**MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA**

**ORDER**
**17.11.2026**

**Order No.**

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

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State-Opposite Party. Perused the bail application as well as the documents annexed thereto.

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.532 of 2025, arising out of MV-79 P.S. Case No.136 of 2025, pending in the court of learned J.M.F.C., Motu at MV-79, Malkangiri, for alleged commission of offence punishable under Sections 420, 468 and 471 of I.P.C.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is languishing in jail custody since 06.06.2026. He further submitted that, in the meantime, investigation has been concluded and final charge sheet has been filed on 30.06.2026. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further submitted that the Petitioner belongs to the locality, therefore, there is no chance of his absconding. He further submitted that the Petitioner does not have any similar criminal antecedent. On such grounds, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that the Petitioner be released on bail on any terms and conditions as deemed just and proper by this Court.

5. Learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State-Opposite Party, on the other hand, opposed the release of the Petitioner on bail on the ground of gravity and seriousness of the allegation. She further contended that in the event the Petitioner is released on bail, there is every possibility that either he might abscond from justice or indulge in similar criminal activity. On such grounds, learned counsel for the State prayed for rejection of the bail application of the Petitioner.

6. Having regard to the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties and on a careful examination of the nature and gravity of the allegation, further taking note of the fact that charge sheet has already been filed, 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 each 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 condition 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 is 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.

***( A.K. Mohapatra)***
***Judge***

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