IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.11716 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010856862026

Alok Kumar Sahoo **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. -
Amitav Tripathy

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. -
Ms. B.K.Sahu, A.G.A.

CORAM:
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

Order No. **05.11.2026**

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

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner and learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State-Opposite Party. Perused the materials placed before this Court.

3. The present bail application under Section 483 of B.N.S.S has been filed by the Petitioner for regular bail in connection with 2(a)CC Case No.202 of 2026, arising out of Nayagarh Excise Sadar Range PR No.70 of 2026-27, pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Nayagarh for alleged commission of offence punishable under Section 52(a)(i) of the Odisha Excise Act, 2008.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is in custody since 16.10.2026. He further contended that

although the investigation has progressed substantially, however the final charge sheet has not been filed. It was also contended that the Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent. On such ground, learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any stringent terms and conditions that would be imposed by this Court in the event the release of the Petitioner on bail.

5. Learned Additional Government Advocate on the other hand opposed the bail application of the Petitioner on the ground of gravity and seriousness of the allegation. She further contended that the Petitioner is a habitual offender and has several similar criminal antecedents. She further submitted that in the event the Petitioner is released on bail there is every likelihood that he might indulge in similar criminal offences.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the respective parties and on careful consideration of the surrounding facts as well as materials on record, further keeping in view the role played by the Petitioner in the alleged crime, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail subject to imposition of stringent conditions.

7. Hence, it is directed that the Petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.40,000/- (Rupees Forty thousand) with two solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court in seisin over the matter. It is open for the Court in seisin over the matter to impose any other conditions as may be deemed just and proper. Violation of any other conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail application.

8. However, while imposing conditions, the learned Court below shall also impose the following conditions:

(i) The Petitioner shall not indulge in any similar criminal activities during the period of bail.

(ii) The Petitioner shall cooperate with investigation and shall appear before the I.O. as and when required for the purpose of investigation.

(iii) The Petitioner shall appear before the learned trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless his personal appearance is specifically dispensed with by the learned Court below.

9. It is further directed that the bail granted to the Petitioner is subject to depositing a cash security of Rs.4,000/- (Rupees Four 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.

10. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

(A.K. Mohapatra)

Judge

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