IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.11991 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010861412026

Gobinda Pradhan **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. -
Manas Kumar Chand

-versus-

State Of Odisha **.....** ***Opposite Party***

Represented by Adv. –
M.R. Patra, A.S.C.

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
10.11.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Mode.

2. Heard learned counsel 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 T.R. Case No.202 of 2026, arising out of Balugaon Excise Station P.R. No.199 of 2026-27, pending in the court of learned 1st Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, under NDPS Act, Khurda, for alleged commission of offences punishable under Sections 21(b)/29 of the N.D.P.S. Act, 1985.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is languishing in jail custody since 17.10.2026. He further contended that in the meantime investigation has progressed substantially and final charge sheet is likely to be filed very soon.

Further, referring to the allegation made in the F.I.R., learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that allegedly 35 grams of brown sugar was recovered from the possession of the co-accused, namely, Sushanta Sahoo. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further submitted that nothing has been recovered from the exclusive and conscious possession of the present Petitioner, therefore, the bar under Section 37 of the N.D.P.S. Act would not be attracted to the facts of the present case. He further contended that the Petitioner does not have any similar criminal antecedent. He further submitted that Petitioner belongs to the locality, therefore, there is no chance of his absconding. On such ground, learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner be enlarged on bail on any stringent terms and conditions.

5. Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, opposed the release of the Petitioner on bail on the ground that allegations made against the Petitioner are serious in nature. He further contended that 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 trial. He further submitted that the cases of illegal transportation of contraband article are on rise in State of Odisha now-a-days. Therefore, no leniency should be shown to the accused persons who are involved in such type of offence. In such view of the matter, it is submitted that the prayer for bail of the Petitioner be rejected.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties and on a careful examination of the surrounding facts and circumstances of the present case, further taking note of the fact that nothing has been recovered from the

exclusive and conscious possession of the present Petitioner, therefore, the bar under Section 37 of the N.D.P.S. Act would not be attracted to the facts of the present case and the fact that Petitioner does not have any similar criminal antecedent, 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.50,000/- (Rupees fifty 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 is subject to the condition that the court below shall verify whether the Petitioner is having 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.

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(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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