IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.12001 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010865192026

Kamalkant Chouhan **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. Subodh Kumar Mohanty

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. Manas Ranjan Patra, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
12.11.2026

Order No.

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

2. Heard learned counsel appearing 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 C.T. Case No.1141 of 2026, arising out of Jharsuguda Cyber Crime and Economic Offence P.S. Case No.19 of 2026, pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Jharsuguda, for alleged commission of offences punishable under Sections 78(1)(ii)/ 79/ 319(2)/ 338/61(2)(a) of BNS, 2023 read with Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

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

the Petitioner has been languishing in jail custody since 06.07.2026. He further submitted that, in the meantime, investigation has been concluded and final charge sheet has been filed. It was also brought to the notice of this Court that all the offences are triable by a Magistrate. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further contended that the Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent. He further contended that although the Petitioner does not belong to the State of Odisha, however he is ready and willing to abide by any stringent terms and conditions that would be imposed by this Court in the event he is released on bail.

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. 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 cause delay in conclusion of the trial. On such grounds, it is submitted that the prayer for bail of the Petitioner be rejected at this juncture.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties and on a careful examination of the materials on record, further taking note of the gravity and seriousness of the allegation and the fact that charge sheet has already been filed and that the Petitioner does not have any 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 conditions 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. In the event it is found that the Petitioner is having any criminal antecedent, 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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