IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.11915 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010866552026

Sasmita Samal **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. Subhrajit Sahoo

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. Amitabh Pradhan,
ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
20.11.2026

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 C.T. No.2378 of 2026, arising out of Capital P.S. Case No.782 of 2026, pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Bhubaneswar, for alleged commission of offences punishable under Sections 318(4)/316(2)/61(2)(b) of BNS,

2023.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner has been languishing in jail custody since 02.10.2026. He further contended that, in the meantime, the investigation has progressed substantially, though the charge sheet has not been filed. He further contended that the Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent and that she belongs to the locality, therefore, there is no chance of her absconding. He further submitted that the Petitioner cannot be the principal conspirator and she has acted as per direction of her alleged boy friend, who is the principal conspirator in this case. It was also brought to the notice of this Court that money which was transferred to the account of the Petitioner by the Informant has already been transferred to the account of the principal conspirator, namely, Dinesh Ranjan Dash and that the Petitioner has retained ill-gotten money in her account. Such assertion of the Petitioner is confirmed by the report of the IIC, Capital P.S., Bhubaneswar UPD, a copy of which was produced before this Court by the learned counsel for the State. On such grounds, 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, objected to the release of the Petitioner on bail on the ground of gravity and seriousness of the allegation. He further submitted that investigation is still on. Therefore, release of the Petitioner on bail at this juncture would eventually cause delay in conclusion

of the investigation. Learned counsel for the State further contended that, taking into consideration the fact that the Petitioner is involved in an offence of economic fraud, no leniency should be shown and that the bail application of the Petitioner be rejected.

6. Having regard to the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for both sides, on a careful examination of the surrounding facts and circumstances of the present case, as well as the nature and gravity of the allegation, the role played by the Petitioner in the alleged crime, further taking note of the fact that the Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent, 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 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. 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.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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