IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.12062 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010876602026

Harpal Singh Rajpoot ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Dibya Jyoti Sahoo

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. – Sasmita Nayak, A.S.C.

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
25.11.2026

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 B.N.S.S. has been filed by the Petitioner for regular bail in connection with 2(a)C.C Case No.43 of 2026, arising out of O.I.C, Jharsuguda Excise Station P.R No.158 of 2026-27, pending in the Court of learned Special Judge, Jharsuguda for alleged commission of offence punishable under Sections 20(b)(ii)B of the N.D.P.S. Act.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is in custody since 22.10.2026. He further submitted that the investigation has progressed substantially and the charge sheet is likely to be filed very soon. He further contended that as

per the F.I.R. allegation the quantity of ganja seized, i.e., 4 kg, was recovered from a railway platform. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, in the aforesaid factual background, make two submissions; i) that the alleged contraband articles has been recovered from a public place, therefore, the same has not been recovered from the exclusive and conscious possession of the Petitioner, ii) further, referring to the quantity of the contraband seized, it was alleged that bar under Section 37 of the N.D.P.S Act would not be attracted. He further submitted that the Petitioner does not have any similar criminal antecedents. Further contends that the Petitioner does not belong to State of Odisha, therefore, the Petitioner is ready and willing shall abide by any terms and conditions as this Court deems fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

5. Learned Additional Standing Counsel, on the other hand, opposed the bail application of the Petitioner on the ground that such cases are increasing day-by-day and no leniency should be shown to the Petitioner. He further submitted that the Petitioner belongs to State of Madhya Pradesh, therefore, release of the Petitioner be difficult to ensure the appearance of the Petitioner before the Trial Court during trial. In such view of the matter, she submitted that the bail application of the Petitioner be rejected at this juncture.

6. Having heard the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties and on a careful examination of the surrounding facts and circumstances of the present case, further keeping the view the period of detention of the Petitioner in jail custody and the fact that the Petitioner does not have any similar 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 learned court in seisin over the matter subject to the following terms and conditions:

I) The Petitioner shall also file an affidavit before the Trial Court with regard to indicating there his residential details other details like Aadhar No., Phone No. before the jurisdictional police station & further release of the Petitioner shall be subject to verification of such details as would be furnished by any relative of the Petitioner in the shape of an affidavit.

II) he shall not be involved in any offence of similar nature while on bail;

III) he shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence or try to threaten or influence the witnesses in any manner whatsoever;

IV) he shall not make any default in attending the court during trial on each date without fail;

V) he shall appear before the concerned Police Station once in a fortnight preferably on 'Sunday' in between 10.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. till conclusion of the trial.

Violation of any of the terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

8. It is further directed that the bail granted to the Petitioner be subject to the condition that the court below shall verify the similar

criminal antecedent of the Petitioner. In the event the Petitioner is having any similar criminal antecedent under the offences of NDPS Act, this bail order shall automatically stand revoked.

9. BLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

10. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

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(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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