**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**
**BLAPL No.12218 of 2026**
**CNR No. ODHC010887672026**

***Jagjiban Sahu @ Jagajiban Sahu*** ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Jnyanananda Panda

*-versus-*

***State of Orissa*** ..... ***Opposite Parties***

Mr. S.K. Rout, ASC

**CORAM:**
**MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA**

**ORDER**
**20.11.2026**

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

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned counsel for the State. Perused the application as well as documents annexed thereto.

3. The present bail application under Section 483 of BNSS, has been filed by the Petitioner for regular bail relating to Narla P.S. Case No.229 of 2026, corresponding to C.T. Case No.487 of 2026, pending before the learned J.M.F.C., M.Rampur, for alleged commission of offence punishable under Sections 316(4) & 314 of BNS.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is in custody since 12.10.2026. He further submitted 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. He further contended that the Petitioner is working as a Panchayat Executive Officer (PEO) in the office of the Narla Panchayat Samiti under the B.D.O, Narla. On such ground, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that there exists no possibility of Petitioner absconding from justice. Further, referring to the allegation made in the FIR, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that as per the FIR allegation the Petitioner has misappropriated a total sum of Rs.15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs) from the government money which was intended to be discussed among the pensioners. In reply to the aforesaid allegation, learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner has in fact distributed some pensionary benefits and that he is ready and willing to return the money which would be found due from him by the authorities. On such ground, learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that the Petitioner be enlarged on bail on any stringent terms and conditions deemed fit by this Court.

5. Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, seriously objected to the release of the Petitioner on bail on the ground of gravity and seriousness of the allegation. He further submitted that it is not expected of a government employee to misappropriate government money, particularly, funds earmarked meant for old-age pensioners. He further submitted that the Petitioner, who holds a position of trust, has undermined the trust of the public and misappropriated the public fund. It was also contended that the investigation is still on. Therefore, in the event the Petitioner is released on bail, there is every likelihood that the investigation would get delayed further. On such ground, learned counsel for the

State objected to the release of the Petitioner on bail.

6. Having heard the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties and on a careful examination of the nature and gravity of the allegation, further taking note of the role of the present Petitioner in the alleged crime, and the fact that he is a government employee and does not have any criminal antecedent, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail subject to the Petitioner furnishing bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) with two solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court in seisin over the matter. The release of the Petitioner shall also be subject to such other terms and conditions as is deemed just and proper by the court in seisin over the matter.

7. The release of the Petitioner shall also be subject to following conditions:-

i) the Petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation and appear before the I.O. as and when his presence is required and produce all documents in his possession;

ii) shall appear before the learned trial Court as and when his presence is required for the purpose of trial;

iii) shall not tamper with any prosecution evidence or influence or gain over any of the prosecution witnesses;

iv) shall not leave the jurisdiction of the trial Court without specific prior permission of such Court.

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 is

subject to depositing of a cash security of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) 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. Further, it is directed that the Petitioner shall deposit a property security of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs) before the learned Court in seisin over the matter.

9. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy as per Rules.

***( Aditya Kumar Mohapatra )***
***Judge***

S.K. Rout

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