IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.12238 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010890622026

Soumya Ranjan Ojha @ Soumya Ojha @ Soumya Oja ..... ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Sudhansu Sekhar Dash

-versus-

STATE OF ODISHA ..... ***Opposite Party***

Represented by Adv. – Miss B.K. Sahu, AGA

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
16.11.2026

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01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).

2. Heard learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner and learned Additional Govt. Advocate appearing for the State-Opposite Party. Perused the bail application as well as the documents annexed thereto.

3. The present bail application under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 read with Section 483 of B.N.S.S., 2023 has been filed by the Petitioner for regular bail in connection with G.R. Case No.1469 of 2026, arising out of Jagatsinghpur P.S. Case No.22 of 2026, pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Jagatsinghpur, for alleged commission of offences punishable under Sections 318(4)/319/338/340/351/61(2)/3(5) of the BNS, 2023 read

with Sections 66(C)/66(D) of Information Technology Act, 2000.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is languishing in jail custody since 19.09.2026. He further submitted that in the meantime the investigation has progressed substantially, although final charge sheet has not yet been filed. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further submitted that the Petitioner is a student and prosecuting his studies. It was also brought to the notice of the Court that the Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent and that he belongs to the locality, therefore, there is no chance of his absconding. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, further referring to the allegation made in the F.I.R., submitted before this Court that a total amount of Rs.20,000/- has been transferred to the account of the present Petitioner. He further contended that the Petitioner, under pressure of a co-accused, was misguided and presently undertakes not to involve himself in any criminal offences. In such view of the matter, learned counsel for the Petitioner prayed for release of the Petitioner on bail.

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 contended that a group of students were involved in defrauding their colleagues in the local college at Rahama and Tirtol and they have collected a total sum of Rs.5 lakh from such poor and helpless persons with the promise to provide them with certificates. He further submitted that investigation is going on. Therefore, release of the Petitioner would hamper the further investigation. On such grounds, it is submitted that the prayer for bail of the Petitioner be rejected at this juncture.

6. Having regard to the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties, on a careful examination of the background facts and the nature and gravity of the allegation, further taking note of the fact that the Petitioner is a first time offender, 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.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 conditions 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 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.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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