IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.12413 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010900742026

Bulu Dhala **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. - Anita Sahoo

-versus-

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

Represented by Adv. -Mr. U.C.Jena, A.S.C.

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

Order No. **20.11.2026**

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical 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 G.R. Case No.485 of 2026, arising out of Daspalla P.S. Case No.263 of 2026, pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Daspalla for alleged commission of offence punishable under Sections 303(2)/3(5) of BNS.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is in custody since 20.09.2026. She further contended that, in the meantime, the investigation has been completed and the final

charge sheet has already been filed. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further submitted that, as per the prosecution's case, the Petitioner, along with three other co-accused persons, is alleged to have been involved in the theft of a transformer. She further submitted that the stolen transformer has since been recovered. Learned counsel for the Petitioner fairly conceded that the Petitioner has certain criminal antecedents; however, she submitted that the Petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any stringent terms and conditions that may be imposed by this Court while enlarging him on bail.

5. Learned Additional Standing Counsel on the other hand opposed the bail application of the Petitioner 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 indulge in similar criminal offences.

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 and further keeping the view the period of detention of the Petitioner in jail custody and the fact that the Petitioner is having some 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 Court in seisin over the matter. It is open for the Court in seisin over the matter to impose any other conditions as may be deemed just and proper. 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 the condition that the court below shall verify whether the Petitioner is having any criminal antecedent of similar nature. In the event it is found that the Petitioner is having more than three similar criminal antecedents, this bail order shall automatically stand revoked.

9. It is further directed that the bail granted to the Petitioner is subject to depositing a cash security of Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three thousand) 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.

10. However, while imposing conditions, the learned Court below shall also impose the following conditions:

(i) The Petitioner shall appear before the local Police Station once every fortnight for a period of four months, preferably on Sundays between 10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.

11. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

(A.K. Mohapatra)

Judge

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