IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.12609 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010916022026

Ananda Tandia **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. -
Soumya Ranjan Das

-versus-

STATE OF ODISHA **.....** ***Opposite Parties***

Represented by Adv. –
Mr. P. Satapathy, ASc

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
26.11.2026

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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 Standing Counsel appearing for the State-Opposite Party. Perused the materials placed before this Court.

3. This is an application under Section 483 of B.N.S.S. filed by the Petitioner for bail in connection with C.T. Case No.831 of 2026 corresponding to Jharsuguda Badmal P.S. Case No.297 of 2026 pending in the Court of the learned J.M.F.C.-I (Cog.Taking), Jharsuguda for alleged commission of offence under Section 316(5) and 61(2)(a) of B.N.S.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner has been in custody since 22.08.2026. He further submitted that, in the meantime, the investigation has been

progressed substantially and the final charge sheet is submitted. It is also contended that the Petitioner has no similar criminal antecedent and is a resident of the locality, and as such, there is no likelihood of his absconding.

5. Further, referring to the allegations made in the F.I.R., learned counsel for the Petitioner contended that, as per the prosecution case, the Petitioner, along with the other co-accused persons, had allegedly defalcated a total sum of Rs.08,48,000/-. He further submitted that, out of the aforesaid amount, a sum of Rs.03,99,000/- has already been recovered from the Petitioner, while the remaining amount of Rs.90,000/- has been recovered from the co-accused persons. He further contended that all the alleged offences are triable by a Magistrate and are punishable with imprisonment for a maximum term of ten years, so far as Section 316(5) is concerned. On the aforesaid grounds, learned counsel for the Petitioner prayed for his release on bail, contending that the Petitioner has no criminal antecedent of a similar nature and that his case is squarely covered by the principles laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Satendra Kumar Antil vs. Central Bureau of Investigation & anr. Reported in 2022 LiveLaw (SC) 577.***

6. Learned Additional Government Advocate 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. Accordingly, it was prayed that the bail application of the Petitioner be rejected at this juncture.

7. Having heard learned counsel for the respective parties and on careful consideration of the surrounding facts as well as materials on record, further taking into consideration the period of detention, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail on furnishing a 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. 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 any similar criminal antecedent, this bail order shall automatically stand revoked.

9. BLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

10. Issue urgent certified copy as per Rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Judge

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