

T.R. No.619 of 2024

Dt.28.11.2024 Learned Advocate for accused Soumya Ranjan Panda moves the petition for bail. The accused is in custody for commission of the offence punishable u/S.20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act, in Baliana Excise Station P.R.No.93/2024-25,dtd.22.11.2024.

Heard

Ld. Advocate for the accused submitted that the accused is innocent & has no nexus in the alleged crime. He further submitted that investigation of the case has substantially progressed & the accused has been sufficiently punished inside custody, hence, he be released on bail.

Ld. P. P objected the petition for bail and submitted that there are sufficient materials on record suggesting involvement of the accused in the alleged crime. He further submitted that investigation of the case is in progress & many more incriminating materials are yet to be unearthed.

The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 22.11.2024 morning, while the informant & his team were performing patrolling duty at Pandasahi, Bhingarpur under Baliana P.S, on seeing them, the accused tried to flee. The accused was detained & during search, 05 Kgs of contraband Ganja was recovered from his conscious possession. The accused failed to produce any authority or license for possessing the same. Hence, the case.

Perused the case record. It surfaced from the case record that 05 Kgs. of contraband ganja has been seized from the exclusive & conscious possession of the accused, which comes within the purview of medium quantity. The accused is in custody since 22.11.2024. Materials available on record, *prima facie* suggest complicity of accused in the alleged crime. Investigation of the case is at its infant stage. Crime of such nature is on the rise, having adverse impact on

the society.

Taking into consideration the above facts & submissions; the nature of accusation made against the accused & the nascent stage of investigation, I am not inclined to release the accused on bail, at the stage. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the accused stands **rejected**.

Free copy of rejection order be supplied to the accused on proper application. Put up on the date fixed.

Special Judge, Khurda
at Bhubaneswar