



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.124 of 2025

Satya Prakash Rout		Petitioner
		Mr. Devashis Panda, Advocate
-Versus-		
State of Odisha		Opposite Party
		Mr. S.K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIAK

ORDER
24.03.2026

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1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and State.
2. Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioner seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Dhenkanal Sadar P.S. Case No.225 of 2020 corresponding to G.R. Case No.645 of 2020 pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Dhenkanal on the grounds stated.
3. Recorded the submission of Mr. Panda, learned counsel for the petitioner with reference to an acquittal order in C.T. (Sessions) Case No.03 of 2021 in respect of the co-accused persons, a copy of which is produced at the time of hearing. The depositions of the witnesses examined during trial are also produced. The informant was examined as PW 2 and it is revealed from his deposition that he turned hostile. As it appears, on the basis of hostile evidence, the co-accused persons have been acquitted of the charges levelled. The



petitioner claims to be on similar footing. Learned counsel for the State submits that the name of the petitioner is mentioned in the FIR and so he is involved. Perused the chargesheet, a copy of which is produced by Mr. Panda, learned counsel for the petitioner. The statement of the informant recorded during investigation is produced and referred to by learned counsel for the State to submit that the petitioner is equally responsible for the alleged incident as he has been named therein but from the acquittal judgment, it is made to understand that the informant, namely, Prakash Chandra Biswal examined as PW 2 did not support the prosecution case. Under the above circumstances since the alleged incident is of the year 2020 and the petitioner is one of the accused persons, who is yet to face trial in the split up case, though, the Court is of the view that he cannot take benefit of the acquittal order and is required to face trial independently but should be directed to surrender before the learned court below instead for being released with conditions.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. It is further directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders before the court of learned S.D.J.M., Dhenkanal in connection with G.R. Case No.645 of 2020 corresponding to Dhenkanal Sadar P.S. Case No.225 of 2020 within a fortnight from today, he shall be released on bail upon furnishing a bail bond of Rs.40,000/-(rupees forty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount subject to such



other conditions as imposed necessary and expedient in the facts and circumstances of the case.

6. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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