



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No. 35 of 2026

Santanu Kumar Kar

.....

Appellant

Mr. Anjan Kumar Biswal, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha (Vigilance)

.....

Respondent

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Das, ASC

CORAM:

HON'BLE MISS JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

ORDER

04.02.2026

Order No.

01.

(Through hybrid Mode)

1. Heard.
2. The judgment dated 24.12.2025 passed by the learned Special Judge (Vigilance), Baripada, Mayurbhanj in VGR No. 13 of 2015/T.C. No. 13 of 2017 convicting the appellant- Santanu Kumar Kar, co-accused Akhandala Prasad Mohanty, Purusottam Mohanty, Sudam Chandra Sahu and Gouranga Charan Mohanty for commission of offences punishable under Section 13(1)(c)(d) read with Section 13(2) of the P.C. Act and Section 403/409/467/468/471/477-A/120-B of the IPC and sentence them there under has been challenged in this appeal. They have been sentenced to undergo RI for 3 years and to pay a fine of Rs. 50,000/- each and in default of payment of fine to undergo RI for another 3 months more each on each count for the offence under Section 13(1)(c)(d) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The appellant and co-accused have been sentenced to undergo R.I of 2 years and to pay a fine of Rs.20,000/- each and in default of payment of fine to undergo R.I of 2 months more each for



the offence U/s-403 of I.P.C. They have been sentenced to undergo R.I of 3 years and to pay a fine of Rs.50,000/- each and in default of payment of fine to undergo R.I of 3 months more each for the offence U/s-409 of I.P.C. They have been sentenced to undergo R.I of 3 years and to pay a fine of Rs.50,000/- each and in default of payment of fine to undergo R.I of 3 months more each for the offence U/s-467 of I.P.C. They have been sentenced to undergo R.I of 2 years and to pay a fine of Rs.20,000/- each and in default of payment of fine to undergo R.I of 2 months more each on each count for the offence under Section 468, 471, 477-A and 120-B of the IPC. There is a direction for the sentences to run concurrently.

3. Admit.

4. The Trial Court Records have already been received in CRLA No. 55 of 2026, which is listed today. This appeal shall be tagged with CRLA No. 55 of 2026.

I.A. No. 51 of 2026

5. This is an application under Section 415(2) of BNSS for grant of bail to the Appellant during pendency of the appeal.

6. Mr. Biswal, learned counsel submits that the appellant was on bail during trial and has not mis-utilised his liberty. As the maximum custodial conviction is for three years, the criminal appeal may be rendered infructuous, if the appellant is not granted bail during pendency of the appeal.

7. Considering the sentence imposed and as the appellant was on bail during trial, I am inclined to allow the I.A.

8. The Appellant- Santanu Kumar Kar on surrendering before the learned trial Court within four weeks from today shall be released on



bail pending disposal of the Criminal Appeal, on such terms and conditions as may be fixed by that Court.

9. The I.A. is disposed of.

I.A. No. 52 of 2026

10. This is an application for stay of realization of the fine amount.

11. Mr. Biswal, learned counsel submits that the appellant has no income for which he is unable to deposit the fine amount, which is excessive, the realization of fine may therefore be stayed during pendency of the Appeal.

12. Considering the said submission, list this case on 19.02.2026 to enable the learned Standing Counsel (Vigilance) to file an objection to the IA, if so advised.

**(Savitri Ratho)
Judge**

Subhalaxmi