



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.286 of 2026

Sandeep Tigga ... **Petitioner**
Mr. P.K. Nayak, Advocate
-versus-
State of Odisha ... **Opposite Party**
Mr. P. Satpathy, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY
ORDER(ORAL)25.02.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is the 6th bail application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Bandamunda PS Case No.86 of 2016 corresponding to ST Case No.45/44/100 of 2021-23 (GR Case No.515 of 2016) pending in the file of learned Adhoc Additional District & Sessions Judge (FTSC) (POCSO), Rourkela, for commission of offences punishable U/S.376(2)(i) of IPC, on the main allegation of committing rape upon the deaf and dumb victim.
3. At the outset, Mr. Pabitra Kumar Nayak, learned counsel for the petitioner apprises this Court that this is the 6th bail application of the petitioner, but no bail application of the petitioner is pending before any other forum except this one. Heard, Mr. Pabitra Kumar Nayak, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. P. Satpathy, learned Addl. Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.



4. After having considered the rival submissions upon perusal of record, there appears allegation against the petitioner for committing rape upon the victim and in the meantime, 21 out of 32 charge-sheeted witnesses have already been examined, however, the petitioner is in custody since 06.02.2021 and even after more than five years custody of the petitioner, the trial is yet to be concluded. Albeit the petitioner strongly relies upon the DNA Profiling report of the victim and himself to refute the allegation against him, but it is not desirable to opine/observe any view on the merits of the case at this stage. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstance and taking into account the long custody of the petitioner together with the materials placed on record, this Court without expressing any view on merits admits the petitioner to bail.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stands allowed and the petitioner is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five Thousand) only with one solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Court in seisin of the case on such terms and conditions as deem fit and proper by it.

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. A soft copy of this order be immediately communicated to the concerned Court, who shall afterwards communicate the same to the concerned Jail through e-mail for reference.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge