



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.225 of 2026

Sumanta Meher

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Petitioner

Mr. J.K. Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

...

Opposite Party

Mr. T.K. Acharya, Addl. PP

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)
24.02.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is a bail application U/S.483 of the BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Baunsuni PS Case No.181 of 2024 corresponding to Special Case (NDPS) No.134 of 2024 pending in the Court of learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Boudh, for commission of offence punishable U/Ss.20(b)(ii)(C)/29 of the NDPS Act, on the main allegation of letting his vehicle for transportation of 22Kgs 500Grams of Contraband Ganja.
3. Heard, Mr. Jugala Kishore Panda, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. T.K. Acharya, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.
4. Admittedly, the petitioner is in custody since 15.12.2025, but co-accused Ashok Barik and another in BLAPL No.65 of 2025 and Bikash Danta in BLAPL No.527 of 2025 have already been granted bail by a co-



ordinate Bench of this Court. Neither any Contraband Ganja was recovered from the exclusive possession of the petitioner nor was he apprehended from the spot, rather his implication in this case is on the basis of ownership of his vehicle in which Contraband article was allegedly transported. In the aforesaid facts and situation and considering the other materials placed on record, this Court considers that the petitioner has satisfied the conditions of Section 37 of NDPS Act.

5. For the reason stated hereinabove and regard being had to the pre trial detention of the petitioner in custody and taking into account the grant of bail to co-accused persons, this Court without expressing any view on merit admits the petitioner to bail.

6. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stands allowed and the petitioner is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) with two solvent sureties each 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.

7. 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