IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

Sudipta Samantaray … ***Petitioners***
(In BLAPL No. 348 of 2026)
Pratap Bhanja
(In BLAPL No. 1267 of 2026)

Mr. J. Samantaray, Advocate
(In BLAPL No. 348 of 2026)
Mr. J. Sahoo, Advocate
(In BLAPL No. 1267 of 2026)

-versus-

State of Odisha … ***Opposite Party***

Mr. T.K. Acharya, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY
ORDER(ORAL)26.02.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Since these two bail applications arise out of one and same case record, the same are heard together and disposed of by this common order with the consent of the learned counsel for the parties.

2. These are the bail applications U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Khurda Sadar P.S. Case No.267 of 2025 corresponding to T.R. Case No. 99 of 2025 pending in the file of learned 2nd Addl. Sessions Judge, Khurda, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss. 21(b)/29 of NDPS Act, on the main allegation of possessing 22.30Grams of Brown Sugar.

3. Heard, Mr. Jitendra Samantaray, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No. 348 of 2026, Mr. Jyotirmaya Sahoo, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No. 1267 of 2026 and Mr. T.K. Acharya, learned Addl. PP in these matters and perused the record.

4. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of

the offences as alleged against the petitioners vis-à-vis the accusations sought to be brought against them and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the petitioners in custody since 10.09.2025 with framing of charge in the meantime and keeping in view the other circumstances on record in entirety including the inherent right of an accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, this Court without expressing any view on merits, admits each of the petitioners to bail.

5. Hence, these two bail applications of the petitioners namely Sudipta Samantaray (BLAPL No.348 of 2026) and Pratap Bhanja (BLAPL No. 1267 of 2026) are allowed and each of the petitioners is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) each 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, these BLAPLs stand disposed of. Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules. 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

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