



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.36 of 2019

***Afjal Raja @ Kartik* *Appellant/
Petitioner***

Mr. Devashis Panda, Advocate

appearing on behalf of

Mr. B.R. Tripathy, Advocate

-versus-

***State of Odisha* *Respondent/
Opp. Party***

Mr. Aurobinda Mohanty,

Addl. Standing Counsel

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.S. MISHRA

ORDER

15.12.2025

I.A. No.87 of 2019

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23. This matter is taken up through Hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical mode).

This is an application for bail.

Heard Mr. Devashis Panda, learned counsel appearing on behalf of Mr. Biswajit Ranjan Tripathy, learned counsel for the appellant.

Learned counsel for the State submitted that since the petitioner has been found guilty, *inter alia*, for the offences punishable under Sections 4 and 6 of the POCSO Act and also under Section 376 (DA) of the



Indian Penal Code, the notice has been sent to the informant of the case and accordingly, the IIC, Sason Police Station, Sambalpur contacted the informant and she informed that the Government Advocate to contest the case on her behalf.

Learned counsel for the State submits that he may be granted some time to obtain the Vakalatnama from the informant through the IIC, Sason Police Station so that the Legal Aid Panel counsel can also be engaged to oppose the application for bail.

Put up this matter in the second week of January, 2026.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

Subhasis