



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.556 of 2026

Rajanikanta Mahanty ... ***Petitioner***

Mr. D.J. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Orissa ... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. M.R. Patra, Addl. PP

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)
10.03.2026

Order No.
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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is the bail application U/S.483 of the BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Inspector of Excise, Aska Range, Ganjam PR No.78 of 2025-26 corresponding to 2(a)CC Case No.33 of 2025 (N) pending in the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Aska, for commission of offence punishable U/Ss.20(b)(ii)(B) of the NDPS Act, on the main allegation of transporting 11Kgs 520Grams of Contraband Ganja on the Hero Honda Motorcycle bearing Regd. No.OR-07U-1383.
3. Heard, Mr. Dibya Jyoti Sahoo, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. M.R. Patra, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter 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 petitioner vis-à-vis the accusations sought to be brought against him and



regard being had to the pre trial detention of the petitioner in custody since 24.12.2025 and there being no criminal antecedent of similar nature reported against the petitioner and the quantity of Contraband Ganja allegedly seized in this case being intermediate quantity and, thereby, the provisions of Section 37 of NDPS Act being not attractable, this Court without expressing any view on merit 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.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) 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

Subhasmita