



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.529 of 2026

S. Juli Rao & Another ... ***Petitioners***

Mr. M. Das, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. T.K. Acharya, 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. Mr. Mahes Das, learned counsel for the petitioners by filing a memo prays to not press the bail application of petitioner No.2- S. Deba Rao and accordingly, the bail application of the petitioner No.2- S. Deba Rao stands disposed of as not pressed and the present bail application is only confined to petitioner No.1 S. Juli Rao.

3. This is an application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner No.1 for grant of bail in connection with Balliguda P.S. Case No. 198 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No. 369 of 2025 pending in the file of SDJM, Balliguda, for commission of offences punishable U/S. 318(4)/305(2)/3(5) of BNS, r/w Sec.38 of NI Act, on the allegation of cheating a sum of Rs.29,00,000/- from the informant.

4. Heard, Mr. Mahes Das, learned counsel for the petitioner No.1 and Mr. T.K. Acharya, learned Addl. Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.



5. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offence as alleged against the petitioner vis-à-vis the accusations sought to be brought against her and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the petitioner No.1 in custody since 16.12.2025 with submission of charge sheet in the meantime and keeping in view the status of the petitioner as a lady and applying the first proviso appended to Sec.480 of BNSS and taking into account the other circumstances on record in entirety including the inherent right of the accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, this Court without expressing any view on merits, admits the petitioner No.1-S. Juli Rao to bail.

6. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner No.1-S. Juli Rao stands allowed and the petitioner No. 1- S. Juli Rao 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 deems fit and proper by it.

7. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands 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