



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

Swaraj Kumar Samal

(In BLAPL No.1095 of 2026)

Debasish Mallick

(In BLAPL No.915 of 2026)

Abhisek Mohanty

(In BLAPL No.1015 of 2026)

Harekrushna @ Harekrusna Sahoo

(In BLAPL No.1018 of 2026) ...

Petitioners

*Mr. S.K. Garnayak, proxy counsel on
behalf of Mr. G.K. Mohanty, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.1095 of 2026)*

*Mr. P.K. Jena, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.915 of 2026)*

*Mr. S.K. Baral, Advocate
(in BLAPL Nos.1015 & 1018 of 2026)*

-versus-

State of Odisha

... Opposite Party

Mr. C. Mohanty, Addl. PP

**CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY**

**ORDER(ORAL)
24.02.2026**

Order No.

02.

1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. Since these four 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.
3. These are the bail applications U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Cyber Crime & Economic Offence PS Case No.05 of 2026 corresponding to GR Case No.39 of 2026 pending in the file of learned JMFC-1 (Cog. Taking), Cuttack, for



commission of offences punishable U/Ss.318(4)/319(2)/338/336(3)/340(2)/112/61(2) of BNS r/w Sections 66(C)/66(D) of IT Act, on the main allegation of facilitating co-accused persons to open mule accounts in the name of different persons in the capacity of employees of the banks or financial institution and, thereby, assisting co-accused in cheating different peoples by using such mule accounts to defraud them through online fraud.

4. Heard, Mr. Shaibal Kant Garnayak, learned proxy counsel appearing on behalf of Mr. Gopal Krushna Mohanty, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No.1095 of 2026; Mr. Prafulla Kumar Jena, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No.915 of 2026; Mr. Susanta Kumar Baral, learned counsel for the petitioners in BLAPL Nos.1015 & 1018 of 2026 and Mr. C. Mohanty, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.

5. Admittedly, the petitioner-Swaraj Kumar Samal has surrendered to custody after availing the interim bail, but the petitioners are either the employees of banks or financial institution and in that capacity, they have allegedly assisted the co-accused persons for opening of the bank accounts, which is alleged to be mule accounts, however, there is no direct allegation against the petitioners for committing any fraud or forgery. Besides, the petitioners are in custody since 10.01.2026 and in the meantime, substantial part of



investigation is already over. In the aforesaid facts and situation 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 materials placed on record and keeping in view 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 each of the petitioners to bail.

6. Hence, these four bail applications of the petitioners namely Swaraj Kumar Samal (In BLAPL No.1095 of 2026), Debasish Mallick (In BLAPL No.915 of 2026), Abhisek Mohanty (In BLAPL No.1015 of 2026) and Harekrushna @ Harekrusna Sahoo (In BLAPL No.1018 of 2026) are allowed and each of the petitioners 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.

7. Accordingly, these BLAPLs stand 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