



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.1109 of 2026

Krushna Chandra Sahu ... ***Petitioner***

Mr. R.C. Maharana, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S.C. Pradhan, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY
ORDER(ORAL)17.03.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is an application U/S. 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarika Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (in short, "BNSS") by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Belpahar P.S. Case No.274 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No.1145 of 2025 pending in the file of learned JMFC-I (Cog.Taking), Jharsuguda, for commission of offence punishable U/Ss. 331(4)/305(a)/62/326(f)/336(2)/336(3)/342/61(2)/3(5) of BNS, on the main allegation of attempting to commit theft in ATM counter at Belpahar, Jharsuguda.
3. Heard, Mr. Ramesh Chandra Maharana, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. S.C. Pradhan, learned Addl. Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.
4. After having considered the rival submissions upon perusal of record, there appears allegation against the petitioner for attempting to commit theft in ATM counter by cutting the ATM machine with a gas cutter,



but subsequently left the spot when the Police party arrived there, however, the petitioner is in custody since 17.12.2025, but in the meantime, charge sheet has already been submitted. In such view of the matter, especially when nothing was stolen from the ATM and thereby, there being only attempt to commit theft 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 opinion on merits of the case admits the petitioner to bail.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stands allowed and he is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds in the sum 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 deem fit and proper by it.

6. 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

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