



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 1198 of 2026

Kamalakanta Rana @ Kamala ... Petitioner

Mr. U.K. Barik, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ... Opposite Party

Mr. T.K. Acharya, Addl. PP

**CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY**

**ORDER(ORAL)
18.03.2026**

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 Soro P.S. Case No.901 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No.1740 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Soro, Balasore, for commission of offence punishable U/Ss. 111(6)/61(1) of BNS, on the main allegation of committing organized crime by receiving stolen property.
3. Heard, Mr. Umakanta Barik, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. T.K. Acharya, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record. On being queried about the criminal antecedent of the petitioner, Mr. Barik volunteers to withhold bail to the petitioner, if he is found to have more than one criminal antecedent.
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 14.11.2025 with substantial progress in investigation and there being only one criminal antecedent against the petitioner except this one as claimed and keeping in view the inherent right of an accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, which is unlikely to commence in near future and keeping in view grant of bail to co-accused persons Niranjana Rana in BLAPL No.13722 of 2025 and Damodar Bej in BLAPL No.13619 of 2025, this Court without expressing any view on merits, admits the petitioner to bail, but subject to his verification of criminal antecedent.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stands allowed and he is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five Thousand) with two solvent sureties each 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.

In view of the specific submission as advanced for the petitioner, the benefit of this order shall not be extended to the petitioner, if he is found to have more than one criminal antecedent except this case.

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.

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(G. Satapathy)
Judge