



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.147 of 2026

Suryakanta Mantri

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Appellant

*Mr. B.P. Das, Advocate, along with
Mr. G. Mohanty, Advocate*

-versus-

State of Odisha & Anr.

...

Respondents

Mr. P. Satpathy, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)05.05.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).

2. This criminal appeal Under Section 14-A(2) of the Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 together with amendment Act, 2016 (in short, "the Act") in nature of bail is directed against the impugned order dated 20.01.2026 passed in CT Case No.406 of 2025 by which the learned Sessions Judge, Jagatsinghpur has refused to release the appellant on bail in connection with Tirtol PS Case No.663 of 2025 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 140(1)/309(6)/296/351(2)/3(5) of BNS r/w Sec.25/27 of Arms Act and r/w Sec.3(1)(r)(s)/3(2)(va) of SC & ST (PoA) Act, on the main allegation of obtaining Rs.2,04,000/- from the informant by abducting and releasing him near bus stand of Kujanga.

3. Heard, Mr. Bibhu Prasad Das, learned counsel appearing along with Mr. Gourav Mohanty, learned counsel for the appellant and Mr. P. Satpathy, 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 offence as alleged against the appellant vis-a-vis the allegation sought to be brought against him and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the appellant in custody since 31.12.2025 with submission of charge-sheet in the meantime and the victim being voluntarily left at the Bus stand of Kujanga 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 and there being no criminal antecedent reported against the appellant, this Court considers it proper to admit the appellant on bail.

5. Hence, the criminal appeal stands allowed and the impugned order is hereby set aside. Consequently, the appellant is directed to be released on bail on such terms and conditions as deems fit and proper by the learned Court in seisin over the matter.

6. Accordingly, the CRLA stands disposed of. Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

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