



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.1469 of 2026

Sanoj Khatua

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Petitioner

Ms. S. Munda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

...

Opposite Party

Mr. P. Satpathy, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL) : 25.03.2026

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 BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Excise Station, EI & EB Unit-II (ND), Sambalpur PR No. 583 of 2025-26 corresponding to T.R. Case No.113/08 of 2025-26 pending in the Court of learned 2nd Addl. Sessions Judge-cum-Judge (Special Court), Sambalpur for commission of offence punishable U/S. 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS Act, on the main allegation of transporting 105Kgs of Contraband Ganja in a Mahindra Bolero bearing pick-up vehicle bearing Regd. No. OD-02-AR-5600.
3. Heard, Ms. Sanjukta Munda, learned counsel for the petitioner appearing virtually and Mr. P. Satpathy, learned Addl. PP in the matter and perused the record.
4. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offences vis-à-vis the accusations sought to be brought against him and regard being had to the recovery and seizure of such a huge quantity of



Contraband Ganja to the tune of 105Kgs, which is well above the commercial quantity from the vehicle allegedly in occupation of the petitioner and his consequent failure to satisfy the conditions of Sec.37 of NDPS Act, which is *sine qua non* for grant of bail for commission of offence under NDPS Act involving commercial quantity, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

Hence, the prayer for bail of the petitioner stands rejected. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. A soft copy of this order be immediately forwarded to the court in seisin over the matter for reference.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

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