



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.1445 of 2026

Pramod Kumar & another* ... *Petitioners

Ms. A.Mehta, Advocate

-versus-

State of Orissa* ... *Opposite Party

Mr. S.C.Pradhan, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)

25.03.2026

Order No.

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1. This is a bail application U/S.483 of the BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Sambalpur-I Excise Station PR No. 92 of 2025-26 corresponding to TR Case No.82/01 of 2025-26 pending in the Court of learned 2nd Addl. Sessions Judge, Sambalpur for commission of offence punishable U/S.20(b)(ii)(C) of the NDPS Act, on the main allegation of transporting 21Kgs of Contraband Ganja in a Maruti Suxuki Swift Dzire car bearing Regd. No. JH-01-BA-6347.

2. Heard, Ms. Ayushi Mehta, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. S.C.Pradhan, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record. On being queried about the criminal antecedent of the petitioners, Ms. Mehta volunteers to withhold bail to the petitioners, if they are found to have any criminal antecedents of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

3. Admittedly, the petitioners were taken into custody on 09.07.2025, but in the meantime, PR has already been submitted, however, the trial is yet to commence and there is no immediate prospect of trial. It is, however, claimed that the petitioners are not having any criminal antecedent of similar nature. In the aforesaid facts and situation,



especially when it is claimed that the petitioners are not having any criminal antecedent of similar nature, the petitioners would be considered to have satisfied the conditions of Section 37 of NDPS, if they are not having any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offences under NDPS Act.

4. For the reason stated hereinabove and taking into account the pre trial detention of the petitioners in custody, this Court without expressing any view on merit admits the petitioners to bail, but subject to verification of criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under the NDPS Act.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioners stand allowed and the petitioners are allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) each with two solvent sureties 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 petitioners, the benefit of this order shall not be extended to the concerned petitioner(s), if he/they is/are found to have any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offences under NDPS Act.

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands 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