



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.1489 of 2026

Sanatan Garnayak @ Gadnayak ... Petitioners
& Others

Mr. P.K. Mohapatra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ... Opposite Party

Mr. R.B. Mishra, Addl. PP

Mr. B. Tripathy, Advocate (informant)

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 BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Industrial PS (NISA) P.S. Case No. 16 of 2026 corresponding to GR No.44 of 2026 pending in the file of learned JMFC, Chhendipada, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.191(2)/191(3)/190/296/115(2)/109(1)/310(2)/324(5)/126(2)/127(2)/351(3) of BNS, on the main allegation of rioting, along with co-accused persons being armed with lethal weapons and attacking the staffs of Utkal Coal Mines and damaging two JCB & one Bolero of such company and also taking away one Mobile Phone, one gold chain and Rs.5000/- by way of robbery from the informant, along with co-accused persons in prosecution of their common object.
3. Heard, Mr. Pradep Kumar Mohapatra, learned counsel for the petitioners; Mr. Brahmananda Tripathy, learned counsel for the informant and Mr. R.B. Mishra, learned Addl. PP in the matter and perused the record.



Mr. Brahmananda Tripathy, learned counsel for the informant vehemently opposes the bail application of the petitioner by contending inter alia that the petitioners are having serious criminal antecedents and, therefore, the bail application of the petitioners should be rejected.

4. After having considered the rival submissions upon perusal of record, there appears registration of the FIR against the present petitioners and other hundred persons and thereby, it appears to the Court that it's a case of mob violence, but Mr. Mohapatra, learned counsel for the petitioners informs the Court that this is a case against the petitioners to suppress the demonstration against rehabilitation and other benefits which the petitioners and others are entitled to. No doubt Mr. Tripathy has brought to the notice of the Court the criminal antecedent of some of the petitioners, but it appears that one or two case(s) has/have been registered against some of the petitioners, but not against all the petitioners, however, the petitioners are in custody since 13.01.2026 and there must be substantial progress in investigation. In the aforesaid facts and situation, and taking into account the nature and gravity of the offences as alleged against the petitioners on the backdrop of FIR being against 16 known and 100 unknown others and keeping in view the other circumstances on record in entirety, this Court without expressing any view on merit, admits the petitioner to bail, but subject to certain conditions.

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.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five Thousand) only 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 with following conditions.

- (i) the petitioners shall not indulge in any criminal activity while on bail;*
- (ii) the petitioners shall not demonstrate or take out procession in the premises of the Utkal Coal Mines.*

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

Jayakrushna