



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 1715 of 2026

Rabindra Behera

..... *Petitioner(s)*

Mr. Sayantan Panda, Adv.

-Versus-

State of Odisha

..... *Opposite Party(s)*

Ms. Gayatri Patra, ASC

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

04.05.2026

Order No.

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FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Case No. and Courts' Name	Sections
542	19.09.2025	Badagada	C.T. No.02 of 2026 pending in the court of learned 3 rd A.D.J., Bhubaneswar	Sections 140(3),108,238, 3(5) of BNS

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.

2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.



3. The Petitioner being in custody in Badagada P.S. Case No. 542 of 2025, corresponding to C.T. No.02 of 2026 pending in the court of learned 3rd A.D.J., Bhubaneswar, registered for the alleged commission of offences under Sections 140(3), 108, 238, 3(5) of BNS, has filed this petition for his release on bail.
4. The brief fact of the case is that on 15.09.2025, the informant, the wife of the deceased, called on the deceased over phone, but the deceased did not receive the phone calls. On 17.09.2025, the wife of the deceased received a phone call from unknown persons demanding Rs. 2 crores, otherwise they would not leave her husband, for which she lodged the missing report before the IIC, Badagada P.S. On 19.09.2025, on enquiry of Badagada P.S. MMR No.51/2025 regarding the disappearance of Bidyadhar Sahoo, she came to know that there might be some foul play and suspicion and her husband might be kidnapped by some unknown persons for ransom. Hence, this case.
5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner is no way connected with the offences as alleged by the prosecution in any manner. He further contends that the Petitioner has been implicated in this case based on the





confessional statement of the co-accused persons. He further submits that there is no criminal antecedent against the present Petitioner. The Petitioner is in custody since 22.09.2025. Hence, he submits that the Petitioner may be enlarged on bail.

6. Learned counsel for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for bail, emphasizing the seriousness of the allegations.
7. Without going into the merit of the case and based on the facts and circumstances of the case, it is directed that the Petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case with some stringent terms and conditions as deemed just and proper by the learned court in *seisin* over the matter with further conditions that:-
 - i. The Petitioner shall appear before the local Police Station on every alternate Sunday between 10.00 A.M. to 12.00 P.M. till conclusion of the trial.;
 - ii. The Petitioner shall appear before the learned court in *seisin* over the matter on each date of posting of the case;
 - iii. The Petitioner shall not indulge himself in any criminal offence while on bail.
 - iv. The Petitioner shall not tamper the evidence of the prosecution evidence in any manner.



8. Violation of any of the above conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail.
9. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

Murmu