



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.212 of 2026

Sujan Bag *Appellant(s)*
Mr. B. B. Routray, Adv.
-versus-
State of Odisha & Anr. *Respondent(s)*
Mr. Sonak Mishra, ASC (for O.P. No.1)

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K. PANIGRAHI

ORDER

05.03.2026

Order No.

01.

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. This matter was not listed today. On being mentioned and keeping in view the urgency, this matter is taken up by way of a Special Notice.
3. The Appellant has been convicted for the offences punishable under Sections 254/354-A of the I.P.C. read with Sections 8/12 of the POCSO Act and sentenced to undergo R.I. for a period of five years and to pay a fine of Rs.10,000/- (rupees ten thousand), in default, to undergo R.I. for a further period of six months for the offence under Section 354 of the I.P.C., to undergo R.I. for a period of five years and to pay a fine of Rs.10,000/- (rupees ten thousand), in default, to undergo R.I. for a further period of six months for the offence under Section 8 of the POCSO Act and to



undergo R.I. for a period of five years and to pay a fine of Rs.5,000/- (rupees five thousand), in default, to undergo R.I. for a further period of three months for the offence under Section 12 of the POCSO Act by the learned Addl. District Judge -cum- Special Court under POCSO Act, Bargarh vide judgment and order dated 27.01.2026 passed in C.T. Case No.38 of 2020.

4. Heard.

5. Admit.

6. Registry is directed to call for photocopies of the trial Court records.

7. Learned counsel for the Appellant is directed to serve an extra copy of the brief on the learned counsel for the State for onward transmission of the same to the Respondent No.2 through the concerned local Police Station.

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8. This interim application has been filed by the Appellant on the ground that he is a student of L.L.B. and presently prosecuting his studies at Bargarh Law College and his admission was taken place in 2023-24 to 2025-26 and the 6th Semester Examination (Labour Law-II) paper will be held on 09.03.2026 pursuant to the notice dated 27.02.2026. A copy of the Identity card of the Appellant and the notice regarding examination are annexed to the I.A. as Annexure-2 series.

9. Heard.



10. Learned counsel for the Appellant submits that during the course of trial, the Appellant was on bail and never misutilized the liberty granted to him. It is further submitted that after pronouncement of the judgment, the Appellant was taken into custody.

11. Learned counsel for the Appellant further submits that, in view of his earlier conduct and the urgency relating to the examination scheduled to be held on 09.03.2026, the interim bail application of the Appellant may be considered.

12. After hearing learned counsel for the Appellant and learned counsel for the State, the averments taken in the interim application and the urgency involved in it, this Court is inclined to release the petitioner on interim bail for a period of fifteen (15) days reckoning from the date of his actual release and the petitioner shall surrender before the learned trial Court immediately after expiry of the fifteen (15) days period.

13. For the above period, let the petitioner be released on interim bail in connection with above noted case on furnishing bail bond of Rs.20,000/-(rupees twenty thousand) with two local solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Court in *seisin* over the matter and with further terms and conditions as the learned Court may deem just and proper including the condition that the Appellant shall not indulge himself in any criminal activity



and shall not try to come in contact with the victim or her family members while on interim bail.

14. Violation of any of the terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of interim bail.

15. Accordingly, the I.A. is disposed of.

16. Issue urgent certified copy of the order during the course of the day.

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17. List this matter on 30.03.2026.

18. In the meantime, learned counsel for the Appellant shall file the surrender certificate of the Appellant.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge