



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.2027 of 2025

Mohanlal Kewat

.... **Petitioner**

Mr. S. Mishra, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

.... **Opposite Party**

Mr. P. Satpathy, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

26.03.2025

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1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and State.
2. Instant petition under Section 483 BNSS is filed for release of the petitioner on bail in connection with G.R. Case No.09 of 2020 pending in the file of learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Sonapur corresponding to Sonapur P.S. Case No.110 of 2020 on the grounds stated.
3. Mr. Mishra, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is on equal footing by the co-accused, namely, Sivaram Kewat, who is on bail by the Court's order in BLAPL No.11133 of 2024 dated 15th January, 2025. The submission is that on account of delay in closure of trial within the time stipulated, the co-accused was granted bail and the petitioner is similarly situated, hence, to be released. Mr. Satpathy, learned ASC for the State opposed release of the present accused on the ground that commercial quantity of contraband Ganja was seized from him and the co-accused. On an earlier occasion, the bail plea of the petitioner was rejected vide BLAPL No.3639 of 2023 with a direction to the learned court below to expedite the trial and



thereafter, it was followed by the order as at Annexure-2 in respect of the co-accused. Considering the objection of the State and release of the co-accused by BLAPL No.11133 of 2024 in respect of the accused, namely, Sivaram Kewat and there has been delay in closure of trial as from the said order only 8 out of 21 witnesses have so been examined from the side of the prosecution, the Court is inclined to extend parity and allow the petitioner to go on bail with similar conditions.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the petition under Section 483 BNSS stands allowed. Consequently, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail in connection with G.R. Case No.09 of 2020 arising out of Sonapur P.S. Case No.110 of 2020 subject to him furnishing a bail bond of Rs.50,000/-(rupees fifty thousand) with two solvent sureties (one of whom to be a blood relation) for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Sonapur, who shall impose such other suitable conditions as deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case besides the following, such as, he shall appear before the learned trial court on each date of posting of the case as no representation through counsel shall be allowed; and shall furnish his contact number, address and location details before being released on bail.

6. The BLAPL is disposed of.

7. Urgent certified copy of this order be granted as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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