



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No. 155 of 2024

Sarat Rout

..... *Appellant(s)*
Mr. Ashok Jena, Adv.

-Versus-

State of Odisha & Anr.

..... *Respondent(s)*
Mr. Tej Kumar, ASC

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

30.01.2026

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I.A. No.350 of 2026

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. This application has been filed for grant of interim bail to the Appellant.
3. Learned counsel for the Appellant submits that the grandmother of the Appellant having died on 22.01.2026, his presence at home during this period is necessary to take part in the obsequies ceremony. He further submits that the Appellant being a responsible male member of the family, in his absence, the other members of the family are facing a lot of difficulties in making the arrangements for the ceremony. He, therefore, prays for grant of interim bail to the Appellant.



4. Taking into account the submissions made and on going through the averments taken in the application; this Court is inclined to direct that the Appellant be released on interim bail for a period of eight weeks reckoning from the date of his actual release by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Court under POCSO Act, Cuttack in Spl. G.R. Case No.22 of 2019 on such terms and conditions as deemed just and proper by the trial court with further conditions that the Appellant shall not indulge himself in any criminal activity during the period of interim bail; and shall positively surrender before the Trial Court as would be so directed by the said Court on expiry of period of interim bail.
5. The I.A. is accordingly disposed of.

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6. List this matter on 31st March, 2026 for final hearing.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge