



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.696 of 2017

Megha @ Srikanta Mallik

Appellant

Ms. Shalaka Das, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

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Respondent

Mr. A.K. Pati, ASC

CORAM:

JUSTICE BIRAJA PRASANNA SATAPATHY

ORDER

24.10.2025

Order No. M.C. No.1805 of 2017

- 18.** **1.** This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical) Mode.
- 2.** Heard learned counsel for the parties.
- 3.** This application has been filed seeking grant of bail by keeping the sentence under suspension.
- 4.** Learned counsel appearing for the Appellant contended that out of the substantive sentence imposed for the offence under Section-376(D) of the IPC for a period of 20 years and under Secion-395 of IPC for a period of 10 years, appellant is already in custody for more than 11 years.
- 4.1.** It is accordingly contended that since the appellant has already undergone more than half of the



sentence so imposed vide the impugned judgment, appellant be released on bail by keeping the sentence under suspension.

5. Learned Addl. Standing Counsel on the other hand placing reliance on the statement of the victim-P.W. 15 and statement of P.W. 2-Husband of the victim, contended that since the present appellant has been directly implicated by the victim, appellant is not entitled to get the benefit of bail as prayed for.

5.1. It is also contended that the materials taken away from the possession of the victim has been seized from one of the co-accused namely Sanjay Mallik (Appellant in CRLA No.76 of 2018).

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the materials available on record, more particularly the statement of Victim-P.W.15 and statement of her husband-P.W. 2, this Court is not inclined to grant regular bail by keeping the sentence under suspension.

7. Accordingly, I.A. stands rejected.

(Biraja Prasanna Satapathy)
Judge