



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.434 of 2017

Rabindra Dandasena* *Appellant(s)

Represented by Adv.-

Mr. L. Bhuyan, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Respondent(s)

Represented by Adv.-

Ms. Suvalaxmi Devi, ASC

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK

AND

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER

Order No.

23.03.2026

(Hybrid mode)

I.A. No. 2810 of 2025

08. **1.** This is an application for grant of bail moved by the appellant.
- 2.** Heard learned counsel for the appellant and the learned counsel for the State.
- 3.** The appellant has been convicted under section 302 of the Indian Penal Code and was sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life and to pay a fine of Rs.10,000/- (rupees ten thousand) in default, to undergo R.I. for six months for the offence under sections 302 of the Indian Penal Code, as directed by



the learned Sessions Judge, Mayurbhanj, Baripada in S.T. Case No.265 of 2013 arising out of G.R. Case No. 171 of 2013.

4. On 20.05.2024 the appellant was granted three months interim bail relying upon the judgment of this Court in the case of ***Leti @ Jayadeb Roy and another vrs. The State, reported in (1990) 3 Orissa Criminal Reports 427***. The appellant after availing the interim bail period has surrendered at the right time. Thereafter, vide order dated 18.02.2026, we directed the State Counsel to obtain instruction from the concerned police station regarding the conduct of the appellant during the interim bail period. Pursuant thereto, the IIC, Jashipur P.S. has placed on record the report dated 23.03.2026, *inter alia*, stating that the conduct of the appellant during the interim bail period was satisfactory and there was no complaint from any quarter regarding the misconduct of the appellant while on interim bail.

5. The record reveals that the appeal is pending since 2017 and the appellant has already remained in custody for more than twelve years. We have taken into consideration the submission made by both the counsels. Regard being had to the nature of evidence and taking into consideration the submission made by the parties, the period of custody and since there is no



chance of early hearing of the appeal in the near future, we are inclined to enlarge the convict-appellant on regular bail.

6. Let the appellant be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (rupees fifty thousand) with one local solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court, subject to condition that while on bail the appellant shall not indulge in any criminal activities in any manner and any other condition to be imposed by the learned trial court as deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

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

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

9. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(Sibo Sankar Mishra)
Judge