



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.2434 of 2026

Sudarshan Jena

....

Petitioner(s)

Mr. Pravash Chandra Jena, Adv.

Mr. A. Mohanty, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party(s)

Miss Gayatri Patra, ASC

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

Order No.

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ORDER

05.05.2026

F.I.R. No.	Dated	Police Station	Case No. and Courts' Name	Sections
0103	20.02.2026	Jaleswar	Special Case No.8/2026 arising out of Jaleswar P.S. Case No.103/2026 pending before the Court of learned Addl. Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Jeleswar	Sections 21(b), 29 of the N.D.P.S Act

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
3. The Petitioner being in custody in connection with Special Case No.8/2026 arising out of Jaleswar P.S. Case No.103/2026 pending before the Court of learned Addl. Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Jeleswar registered for the alleged commission of offences under Sections





21(b), 29 of the N.D.P.S Act, has filed this application for his release on bail.

4. The brief fact of the case is that on 20.02.2026, during course of patrolling duty near Jaleswar Police Station area, the Police personnel on getting credible information regarding selling of brown sugar, detained the present Petitioner including some other persons on suspicion. On search, they recovered 20 grams of brown sugar from the conscious possession of the present Petitioner. Accordingly, on completion of investigation and all the formalities, all the accused persons were taken into custody. Accordingly, the Petitioner alleged to be one of the said accused persons has been languishing in custody since 21.02.2026.
5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner contends that though nothing has been seized from the conscious possession of the present Petitioner, he has been entangled in this case only on suspicion. He was only a bystander at the time of seizure of the above noted brown sugar. He, accordingly, prays for permitting the Petitioner to be released on bail.
6. Learned counsel for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for bail of the present Petitioner. She further submits that such type of offences is not tolerable in a



law abiding society. She, accordingly, prays for dismissal of this BLAPL.

7. Considering the submissions made on behalf of both the parties, this Court without going into the merits of the case, directs the court in *seisin* over the matter to release the present Petitioner on bail in the aforesaid case on some stringent terms and conditions with further conditions that:

- i. the Petitioner shall appear before the concerned local Police Station on every alternate Sunday between 10.00A.M. to 12.00P.M. till conclusion of the trial;
- ii. the Petitioner shall appear before the learned Court in *seisin* over the matter on each date of posting of the case;
- iii. the Petitioner shall not indulge himself in any criminal activities in future;
- iv. the Petitioner shall not tamper the evidence of the prosecution witnesses in any manner;

8. Violation of any of the above conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail.

9. This BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

Ayaskanta