



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

Nitei Nanda

(In BLAPL No.2576 of 2026)

Babulu Behera

(In BLAPL No.2586 of 2026)

Manas Kuanr

(In BLAPL No. 2954 of 2026)

Arun Kuanr

(In BLAPL No. 2986 of 2026)

Lucky @ Sudam Suna

(In BLAPL No. 3072 of 2026)

Amat @ Amod Chhatria

(In BLAPL No. 3110 of 2026)

Bhola Sahu @ Bhula Sahu @ Bhalu Sahu

(In BLAPL No. 3524 of 2026) ... Petitioners

*Ms.S.Subhadarshini, Advocate
(in BLAPL Nos.2576 & 2586 of 2026)*

*Mr. J.Sahu, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.2954 of 2026)*

*Mr.M.R.Das, Advocate
(in BLAPL No. 2986 of 2026)*

*Mr.B.Barik, Advocate
(in BLAPL No. 3072 of 2026)*

*Mr.S.K.Padhy, Advocate
(in BLAPL No. 3110 of 2026)*

*Mr.B.C.Parija, Advocate
(in BLAPL No. 3524 of 2026)*

-versus-

State of Odisha

... Opposite Party

Mr. R.B.Mishra, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)04.05.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. Since these seven bail applications arise out of one and same case record, the same are heard together



and disposed of by this common order with the consent of the learned counsel for the parties.

3. These are bail applications U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Balangir Sadar PS Case No. 337 of 2025 corresponding to Special GR Case No.21 of 2025 pending in the file of learned District & Sessions Judge, Balangir, for commission of offences punishable U/S.20(b)(ii)(C)/29 of NDPS Act and U/Ss. 276/277 of BNS, on the main allegation of possessing 21Kgs 020Grams of Contraband Ganja, 80 numbers of Eskuf cough syrup bottle each measuring 100ml. containing codeine phosphate and one strip of Alprax tablet.

4. Heard, Ms. Sonali Subhadarshine, learned counsel for the petitioners in BLAPL Nos.2576 & 2586 of 2026; Mr.Jagabandhu Sahu, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No. 2954 of 2026; Mr.Manoranjan Das, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No. 2986 of 2026; Mr.Basudev Barik, learned counsel appearing virtually for the petitioner in BLAPL No. 3072 of 2026; Mr.Saroj Kumar Padhy, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No. 3110 of 2026; Mr.Bikash Chandra Parija, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No. 3524 of 2026 and Mr. R.B.Mishra, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record. It is, however, seriously contended by learned counsel for the respective petitioners that the petitioners have been implicated on the basis of



statement of co-accused Sanjib Nag who was apprehended from the spot, but the present petitioners were never apprehended from the spot. On being queried about the criminal antecedents of the petitioners, it is submitted on behalf of the petitioners jointly to withhold bail to the petitioners, if he/they is/are found to have any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

5. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offences as alleged against the petitioners vis-a-vis the accusations sought to be brought against them and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the petitioners in custody with submission of charge sheet in the meantime and taking into account the mode and manner of implication of the present petitioners and keeping in view the law laid down by Apex Court in ***Tofan Singh vrs. State of Tamil Nadu;(2020) 80 OCR(SC) 641***, the petitioners would be considered to have satisfied the conditions of Sec. 37 of NDPS Act, if they are not having any criminal antecedent for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

6. For the reason stated hereinabove and taking into account the pre-trial detention of the petitioners in custody and grant of bail to co-accused Soumya Ranjan Pardia @ Soumya Pardia in BLAPL No. 12890 of 2025 by a Coordinate Bench, this Court without expressing any view on merits, admits each of the petitioners to bail,



but subject to verification of their criminal antecedent of similar nature.

7. Hence, these seven bail applications of the petitioners namely Nitei Nanda (In BLAPL No.2576 of 2026), Babulu Behera(In BLAPL No. 2586 of 2026), Manas Kuanr(In BLAPL No. 2954 of 2026), Arun Kuanr(In BLAPL No. 2986 of 2026), Lucky @ Sudam Suna(In BLAPL No. 3072 of 2026), Amat @ Amod Chhatria(In BLAPL No. 3110 of 2026) & Bhola Sahu @ Bhula Sahu @ Bhalu Sahu(In BLAPL No. 3524 of 2026) are allowed and each of the petitioners is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) with two solvent sureties for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Court in seisin of the case on such terms and conditions as deem fit and proper by it.

In view of the specific submission for the petitioners, the benefit of the aforesaid order shall not be extended to the concerned petitioner(s), if he/they is/are found to have criminal antecedent(s) of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

8. Accordingly, these seven BLAPLs stand disposed of. A soft copy of this order be immediately communicated to the concerned Court, who shall afterwards communicate the same to the concerned Jail

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through e-mail for reference.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge