



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**CRLA No. 361 of 2025**

**Ramesh Chandra Sahoo** .... **Appellant**

Mr. B.K. Ragada, Advocate

-versus-

**State of Odisha (Vigilance)** .... **Respondent**

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Das,  
Standing Counsel, Vigilance.

**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA**

**ORDER**

**24.03.2025**

**CRLA No. 361 of 2025**

**Order No.**

- 01.
1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical Mode).
  2. Heard.
  3. Admit
  4. Call for the TCR.
  5. List this matter after receipt of the TCR indicating the name of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Dash, learned Standing Counsel for the Vigilance Department, on the top of the brief as well as in the cause list henceforth.

**(S.S. Mishra)**  
**Judge**

**I.A. No. 809 of 2025**

- 02.
1. This is an application for bail.
  2. Heard learned counsel for the appellant-petitioner and



learned Standing Counsel for the Vigilance Department.

3. The appellant-petitioner has been convicted and sentenced to undergo R.I. for three years and to pay a fine of Rs.50,000/- in default to undergo R.I. for six months on each count under Section 13(2) read with 13(1)(c)(d) of the P.C. Act, 1988 and under Section 409 of IPC on each count by the convict and the convict further sentenced to undergo R.I. for six months and fine of Rs.5000/- in default to undergo R.I. for one month under Section 120-B of the IPC and the substantive sentences were directed to be run concurrently by the learned Special Judge (Vigilance), Jeypore in V.G.R. Case No. 10 of 2015 (T.R. No.13 of 2024) arising out of Koraput Vigilance P.S. Case No.19 of 2015.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was on bail during trial and has never misutilized the liberty granted to him. Since there is no chance of early hearing of the appeal in near future, the petitioner may be directed to be released on bail pending disposal of the appeal.

5. Learned counsel for the Vigilance Department opposed the prayer for bail.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, the nature of evidence adduced by the prosecution during trial, the sentence imposed by the learned trial Court and there is a bleak chance of early hearing of the appeal in near future, I am inclined to release the petitioner on bail.

7. Accordingly, the appellant-petitioner be released on bail in connection with the aforesaid case by the learned trial Court on such terms and conditions as would be deem fit and proper.



8. The I.A. is disposed of.

**(S.S. Mishra)**  
**Judge**

**I.A. No. 808 of 2025**

- 03.
1. This is an application for stay realization of fine.
  2. Heard.
  3. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the parties, let there be stay of realization of fine amount imposed by the learned trial Court on the appellant-petitioner pending disposal of the Criminal Appeal.
  4. The I.A. is disposed of.
  5. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.
  6. A free copy of the order be supplied to the learned counsel for the Vigilance Department.

Ashok

**(S.S. Mishra)**  
**Judge**

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