



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No. 298 of 2026

***Bharat Kumar Ghadei @ Bharat
Kumar Ghadai***

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Appellant
Mr. D. Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha (Vigilance)

.....

Respondent
Mr. Sanjay Kumar Das, Standing Counsel
(for Vigilance)

CORAM:

HON'BLE MISS JUSTICE SAVITRI RATHO

ORDER

07.04.2026

(Through hybrid mode)

Order No.

08.

I.A. No. 924 of 2026

1. This IA has been filed for releasing the appellant on bail pending final disposal of the criminal appeal.
2. This appeal had been admitted by order dated 31.03.2026. Although it is not stated in the I.A but perusal of the cause title of the judgment reveals that the petitioner was neither arrested nor released on the bail as the relevant columns have been left blank.
3. Mr. Panda, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had not been arrested during investigation of the case, but after filing of the charge sheet had appeared in the Court and had been released on bail as without his presence, the trial could not have been proceeded. He also submits that after his conviction he was granted interim bail.



4. Considering the sentence imposed and the submissions of the learned counsel for the Appellant, it is directed that if the appellant appears before the learned trial Court within a period of four weeks from today, he shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as deemed fit and proper by the learned court, during pendency of the Appeal.

5. The I.A is accordingly disposed of.

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6. This I.A has been filed for staying realization of the fine imposed on appellant by the impugned judgment dated 17.02.2026.

7. Mr. Panda, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the judgment the appellant has been directed to deposit a total fine amount of Rs.23,000/- and default sentence has also been imposed. He further submits that the appellant is aged about 64 years and has been dismissed from service since long, is aged 64 years and suffers from age-related illnesses and is dependent upon his children for his survival as he has no income or pension, for which he is not in a position to pay the fine imposed on him.

8. Considering the submission but with the view to ensure that the appellant has some interest in final disposal of the appeal, it is directed that if the appellant deposits an amount of Rs.5,000/- in the learned trial Court within a period of four weeks from today, the realization of the



balance amount of fine shall remain stayed during pendency of this Appeal. This deposit shall be subject to final decision in the criminal appeal and the amount so deposited shall be kept in fixed deposit in a nationalized bank.

9. The I.A. is disposed of accordingly.

10. This order is liable to be recalled if the Appellant or his counsel default in appearance in the Appeal.

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11. List this matter on the date fixed, i.e. on 14.07.2026.

Subhalaxmi

**(Savitri Ratho)
Judge**