



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 2762 of 2026

1. Dayanidhi Jena

2. Minati Nayak

....

Petitioners

Mr. A. Biswal, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

04.05.2026

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- 02.** 1. Perused the report submitted by Superintendent of Subj-jail, Soro, in view of the order 29.04.2026, inter alia, indicating that the undertrial seeks to engage learned counsel Mr. A. Biswal and associates as his counsel.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsel for the State.
3. The Petitioners are accused in connection with Special Case No.2 of 2026 pending on the file of learned Addl. District and Sessions Judge, Soro, arising out of **OIC of Soro Excise Station P.R. Case No.276 of 2025-26** for commission of offence alleged under Sections 21(b) of the NDPS Act.



4. Learned counsel, on instruction, submits that except the present BLAPL, no other bail application of the Petitioner relating to the aforementioned P.S. case is pending in any other Court.

5. Being aggrieved by the rejection of his application for bail U/s.483 of the BNSS by the learned Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Soro by order dated 13.03.2026 in the aforementioned case, the present BLAPL has been filed.

6. The allegation against the Petitioners is of possessing contraband (ganja) to the tune of 12 kgs.

7. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the Petitioners are in custody since 14.02.2026 and as investigation has progressed substantial, they may be released on bail.

8. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for bail during currency of investigation.

9. Taking into account the nature of allegations and the progress in investigation and period of custody and keeping in view that both the Petitioners ordinarily reside within the jurisdiction of the Court in seisin, this Court directs the Petitioners to be released on bail on such terms to be fixed by the learned Court in seisin.

10. Before releasing, learned Court in seisin is requested to verify the criminal antecedent of the



Petitioners. If it comes to the fore that the Petitioners have **criminal antecedent of any nature**, this order shall not be given effect to.

11. Additionally, it is directed that the Petitioners shall appear before the jurisdictional police station once every week on such date and time to be fixed by the learned Court in seisin till submission of final form. Certification of such appearance shall be submitted to the Court in seisin.

12. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

13. UCC as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

Santoshi