



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL NO.3290 of 2026

(In the matter of application under Section 483 of
BNSS, 2023).

Baidyanath Amat ... ***Petitioner***

-versus-

State of Orissa ... ***Opposite Party***

For Petitioner : ***Mr. B.K. Ragada, Advocate***

For Opposite Party : ***Mr. R.B. Mishra, Addl. PP***

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

DATE OF HEARING & JUDGMENT:22.07.2026(ORAL)

G. Satapathy, J.

1. This is a bail application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Purunakatak PS Case No.157 of 2025 corresponding to CT Case No.248 of 2025 pending in the file of learned District and Sessions Judge, Boudh for commission of offence punishable U/S. 103(1) of the BNS, on the main allegation of committing murder of the deceased Ranika Sahoo by assaulting him with a stone.

2. In the course of hearing, Mr. Bijaya Kumar Ragada, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the case is entirely based on circumstantial evidence,



but there is no circumstance pointing finger at the accused-Petitioner and the so-called circumstance appearing against the Petitioner is his sighting by the informant and that too, without he be seen with the deceased. Further, Mr. Ragada submits that the implication of the Petitioner is mainly on the basis of his confession before the Police which is inadmissible in the eye of law and thereby, the Petitioner having already been detained in custody with submission of charge sheet in the meantime, may kindly be granted bail.

2.1. On the other hand, Mr. R.B. Mishra, learned Addl. PP by reading out the statement of the informant submits that the petitioner's implication is on the basis of last seen and recovery of the stone with the help of the sniffer dog and, therefore, the bail application of the Petitioner may kindly be rejected.

3. After having considered the rival submissions upon perusal of record, the implication of the Petitioner is mainly on the basis of some circumstances, but there is no direct evidence/material



available against the Petitioner. Besides, no one is stated to have seen the Petitioner with the deceased. No doubt, the State has pointed out the recovery of the stone, but the same being not at the instance of the accused, it may be a circumstance, but not a circumstance of such nature that would be sufficient to deny bail to the Petitioner. In the aforesaid facts and taking into account the materials so placed on record keeping in view the mode and manner of implication of the Petitioner in this case, this Court without expressing any view on merits admits the Petitioner to bail.

4. Hence, the bail application of the Petitioner stands allowed and he is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) only with one solvent surety 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.

5. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules. A



soft copy of this order be immediately communicated to the concerned Court, who shall afterwards communicate the same to the concerned Jail through e-mail for reference.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

*Orissa High Court, Cuttack,
Dated the 22nd July, 2026/Priyajit*