



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.3193 of 2026
CNR No. ODHCO10233382026

Ajay @ Damburudhar Naik ... ***Petitioner***

Mr. S.K. Padhy, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. T.K. Acharya, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

Order No.

ORDER(ORAL) : 20.08.2026

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1. This is a bail application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Kashipur P.S. Case No. 88 of 2025 corresponding to T.R. Case No.23 of 2025 pending in the file of learned Addl. District Judge-cum-P.O. Special Court, POCSO Act, Rayagada, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.85/115(2)/296/351(2)/64(2)(m) of BNS r/w. Sec. 6 of the POCSO Act and Sec.4 of D.P. Act, on the main allegation of committing rape and aggravated penetrative sexual assault upon the victim by subjecting to her to torture and cruelty for demand of dowry.

2. Heard, Mr. Saroj Kumar Padhy, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. T.K. Acharya, learned Addl. PP in the matter and perused the record. None appears for the victim despite being duly informed as apprised by the learned State Counsel.

3. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offences as alleged against the petitioner vis-à-vis the accusations sought to be brought against him and regard



being had to the pre-trial detention of the petitioner in custody since 02.05.2025 with examination of some witnesses in the meantime and taking into account the other circumstances on record in entirety including the statement of victim and the inherent right of the accused-petitioner to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial and there being no criminal antecedent reported against the petitioner and no material being collected to suggest that the petitioner would abscond or pose threat to the witnesses, if released on bail, this Court without expressing any view on merit, admits the petitioner to bail.

4. Hence, the bail application of the Petitioner stands allowed and the Petitioner is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five 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

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