



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.3081 of 2026

Ambika Amata *Petitioner(s)*
Mr. Surya Kanta Pradhan, Adv.
-versus-
State of Orissa *Opposite Party(s)*
Mr. Tej Kumar, ASC

CORAM:
HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

Order No.

ORDER

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04.05.2026

F.I.R. No.	Dated	Police Station	Case No. and Courts' Name	Sections
0203	05.09.2025	Phiringia	C.T. Case No.111 of 2025 arising out of Phiringia P.S. Case No.203 of 2025 pending before the Court of learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Phulbani	Sections 20(b)(ii)(c)/25/29 of the N.D.P.S Act

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
3. The Petitioner being in custody in connection with C.T. Case No.111 of 2025 arising out of Phiringia P.S. Case No.203 of 2025 pending before the Court of learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Phulbani registered for the alleged commission of offence under Sections



20(b)(ii)(c)/25/29 of the N.D.P.S Act, has filed this application for her release on bail.

4. The brief fact of the case is that on 05.09.2025, during course of patrolling duty near Phiringia Police Station area the Police personnel, on getting credible information regarding illegal transportation of contraband Ganja, detained the present Petitioner on suspicion who was coming as a pillion rider by a motorcycle bearing registration No.OD-12-G-1193 from Phiringia side. On search, they recovered 21.200 kilograms of contraband Ganja from the jari bag loaded in the said motorcycle. Since the Petitioner was travelling as a pillion rider by the said motorcycle, she was taken into custody upon completion of investigation and all the formalities. The Petitioner has been languishing in custody since 05.09.2025.
5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner contends that though nothing has been seized from the conscious possession of the present Petitioner, she has been entangled in this case only on suspicion. The above noted contraband Ganja does not belong to the present Petitioner. Since she was travelling by the above noted motorcycle at the time of seizure of the contraband Ganja noted hereinabove, she has been taken into custody. She was only travelling by the said motorcycle as a pillion rider.



He, accordingly, prays for permitting the Petitioner to be released on bail.

6. Learned counsel for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for bail of the present Petitioner. He further contends that such type of offences is not tolerable in a law abiding society. He, accordingly, prays for dismissal of this BLAPL.
7. Considering the submissions made on behalf of both the parties, this Court without going into the merits of the case, directs the court in *seisin* over the matter to release the present Petitioner on bail in the aforesaid case on some stringent terms and conditions with further conditions that:
 - i. the Petitioner shall appear before the concerned local Police Station on every alternate Sunday between 10.00A.M. to 12.00P.M. till conclusion of the trial;
 - ii. the Petitioner shall appear before the learned Court in *seisin* over the matter on each date of posting of the case;
 - iii. the Petitioner shall not indulge herself in any criminal activities in future;
 - iv. the Petitioner shall not tamper the evidence of the prosecution witnesses in any manner;
8. Violation of any of the above conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail.



9. This BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

Ayaskanta