



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.3121 of 2026

Prafulla Kumar Biswal

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Petitioner

Represented By Adv. –
Mr. Sarat Kumar Nayak

-versus-

State of Odisha

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Opposite Party

Represented By Adv. –

Mr. Sarbeswar Behera,
AGA

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

Order No.

ORDER

08.05.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State-Opposite Party. Perused the materials placed before this Court.

3. The present bail application under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 has been filed by the Petitioner for regular bail in connection with G.R. Case No.138 of 2026, arising out of Cyber Crime & Economic Offences, UPD Cuttack P.S. Case No.14 of 2026, pending in the court of learned J.M.F.C.-I (Cog. Taking), Cuttack, for alleged commission of offences punishable under Sections 318(4)/319(2)/



308(2)/112(2) of B.N.S, 2023 read with Section-66C/66D of Information Technology Act, 2008.

4. It is stated by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner is languishing in jail custody since 14.03.2026. He further contended that in the meantime the investigation has progressed substantially and charge sheet is likely to be filed very soon. Learned counsel for the Petitioner further contended that as per the prosecution allegation, a total amount of Rs.2250/- was transferred to the account of the Petitioner by the principal accused. He further submitted that such amount was retransferred to the account of the principal accused. He further contended that on good faith the Petitioner provided his account number to the principal accused, as a result of which, the same has been misutilized by the principal accused without knowledge and consent of the present Petitioner. He further contended that the Petitioner is aged about 66 years and that he has no criminal antecedent. He also contended that the Petitioner belongs to the locality, therefore, there is no chance of his absconding.

5. Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, objected to the release of the Petitioner on bail on the ground of gravity and seriousness of the allegation. He further submitted that such case has been registered on the allegation of economic offences, which are serious in nature. It was also submitted by the learned counsel for the



State that the allegation involves cyber fraud, in which, the account of the Petitioner has been used. He further contended that the investigation is on. Therefore, in the event the Petitioner is released on bail, there is very likelihood that he might abscond from justice which would eventually cause delay in conclusion of the investigation.

6. Having regard to the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties and on a careful examination of the gravity and seriousness of the allegation as well as the role of the present Petitioner in the alleged crime and the fact that a total amount of Rs.2250/- was transferred to the account of the Petitioner, further taking into consideration the fact that the Petitioner does not have any criminal antecedent, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail.

7. Hence, it is directed that the Petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing bail bond of Rs.40,000/-(Rupees forty thousand) with two local solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the court in seisin over the matter. The release of the Petitioner shall also be subject to such other terms and conditions as would be fixed by the court in seisin over the matter. Violation of any of the conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

8. It is further directed that the bail granted to the Petitioner is subject to verification of criminal antecedent of



the Petitioner. In the event the trial court on verification found that there is another F.I.R. against the present Petitioner involving self-same offence, the same shall not be counted towards antecedent while considering the criminal antecedent of the Petitioner.

9. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

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