



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.3348 of 2026

Madhab Chandra Behera @ ... **Petitioner**
Madhab Ch. Behera

Mr. A.S. Paul, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. M.R. Patra, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL):05.05.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is a bail application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Offence Report No.32R of 2025 corresponding to 2(b)CC Case No.04 of 2025 pending in the file of learned CJM, Deogarh, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.51(1) of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, on the main allegation of killing a Wild Tusker by way of electrocution.
3. Heard, Mr. Amlan Shakti Paul, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. M.R. Patra, learned Addl. Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.
4. 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 09.10.2025 with submission



of charge-sheet in the meantime and taking into account the cause of death of the Tusker to be on account of electrocution and no tusk or other organ of the Tusker being removed for the purpose of smuggling and keeping in view the other circumstances on record in entirety including the inherent right of the accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial and there being no criminal antecedent of similar nature reported against the petitioner, this Court without expressing any view on merits admits the petitioner to bail.

5. 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.

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. 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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