



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.3398 of 2026

Trilochan Mahalik

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Petitioner

Ms. K. Panigrahi, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & another

...

Opposite Parties

Mr. P. Satpathy, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

Order No.

ORDER(ORAL) : 29.06.2026

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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 Sadar P.S. Case No. 514 of 2025 corresponding to Special Case No. 362 of 2025 pending in the file of learned Addl. Sessions Judge-cum-Special Court under POCSO Act, Balasore, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss. 137(2)/74/ 64(2)(f)/64(2)(k)/65(1) of BNS r/w Sec. 6 of the POCSO Act, on the main allegation of kidnapping the victim and committing rape and aggravated penetrative sexual assault upon her.

2. Heard, Ms. Khusbu Panigrahi, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. P. Satpathy, learned Addl. PP in the matter and perused the record, but none appears for the victim despite being duly informed as apprised by the learned counsel for the State.

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 15.11.2025 with examination of the victim in the trial in the meantime and thereby, there being little apprehension of



tampering of the evidence of material witness like victim and taking into account the other circumstances on record in entirety including the inherent right of the accused-petitioner to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, 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 with following condition:-

*(i) the petitioner in the course of trial shall attend the trial Court on each date of posting without fail unless his attendance is dispensed with and shall cooperate the Court during the trial. **In case the Petitioner fail without sufficient cause to appear in the Court in accordance with the terms of the bail, the learned trial Court may proceed against the Petitioner for offence U/S.269 of BNS, 2023 in accordance with law.***

(ii) the petitioner shall not contact the victim in any way or in any manner and he shall not visit to the house or street of the victim till disposal of the case and

(iii) the petitioner shall not loiter in and around the victim or follow her in any place at anywhere.

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