



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.3281 of 2026

Soumyajit Mangaraj **Petitioner(s)**
Mr. J. Samantray,
Advocate

-versus-
State of Odisha **Opp. Party(s)**
Ms. S. Devi, ASC

CORAM:

JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

Order

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ORDER

04.05.2026

1. The petitioner is an accused in connection with T.R. No.39 of 2026 corresponding to P.R. Case No.454 of 2025-26 registered on the allegation of the alleged commission of offence punishable under Sections 20(b)(ii)(c) of NDPS Act, pending in the court of the learned 1st Addl. Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge under NDPS Act, Khurda.

2. The petitioner had approached the learned Special Judge under NDPS Act, Khurda in T.R. Case No.39 of 2026 praying for grant of bail. The learned Court below vide its order dated 21.02.2026 rejected the bail application of the petitioner. Being aggrieved, the petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 praying for enlargement on bail.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, on instruction from the petitioner, submits that, except the present bail



application, no other bail application of the petitioner is pending in any other Court relating to the aforesaid F.I.R.

4. The prosecution case as per the F.I.R. is that on 19.02.2026 at about 7 am when the informant along with other staff were performing patrolling duty under Baghamari under Begunia P.S. got information that the accused person was transporting huge quantity of Ganja in a HF Delux motor cycle bearing Regd. No. OD-05-P-6157 from Gediapalli side towards Khordha for selling purpose. Getting such information they proceeded to the spot, i.e., Gediapalli Market and waited the said vehicle and after some time the said person came in a said motorcycle and they detained the said motorcyclist. Then, after doing all formalities, they recovered 20 Kgs & 300 gms of Ganja from the possession of the accused.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner on instruction in specific terms submits that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents and also submits that the petitioner may be released subject to verification of similar antecedents. He submits that there is recovery of only 20.300 kg ganja and he is in custody since 19.02.2026.

6. Learned counsel for the State opposed the prayer for bail.

7. Regard being had to the nature of allegation and the fact that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 19.02.2026, I am inclined to enlarge the accused-Petitioner on bail.

8. Hence, the Petitioner is directed to be released on bail by the learned Court in seisin over the matter in the



aforesaid case on such terms and conditions as it would deem just and proper, subject to the following additional conditions:

- (i) He shall not leave the jurisdiction of the trial Court till the disposal of the trial;
- (ii) He shall appear before the trial Court on each date on which the case is posted for trial;
- (iii) He shall not tamper with the evidence in any manner whatsoever;
- (iv) He shall not commit any offence while on bail, and
- (v) He shall be released on bail subject to verification of similar type of antecedents.

In the event, the petitioner is found wanting for violation of any of the bail conditions imposed by this Court or the trial Court even on a single occasion, the prosecution is at liberty to move appropriate application before the Court below for cancellation of the concession of bail granted by this Court. If such application is filed, the trial Court should decide the application on its own merit.

9. The BLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

Ashok

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