



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

**BLAPL No.3416 of 2026**

***Dr. Bhabani Shankar  
Dash***

....

***Petitioner(s)***

*Mr. Amulya Ratna Panda, Adv.*

-versus-

***State of Odisha***

....

***Opposite Party(s)***

*Mr. Raj Bhusan Dash, ASC*

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI**

**Order No.**

**01.**

**ORDER**

**05.05.2026**

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
3. Since one of the offences is under Section 6 of the POCSO Act, let an extra copy of the bail application along with all its annexures be served on the learned counsel for the State by 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, who shall send the same to the Inspector in-charge of Baidyanathpur Police Station for its service on the informant in (Baidyanathpur P.S. Case No.314 of 2025) and it will be intimated to the informant that the matter will be taken up on 20.05.2026 and if he/she so likes, he/she can engage a counsel to oppose the prayer for bail.
4. It will also be intimated to the informant regarding the availability of counsel from the High Court Legal Aid

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Committee and if he agrees for free legal aid, signature/LTI be collected in the Vakalatnama by the IIC and sent to the Advocate General Office so that necessary steps shall be taken in that respect. A written proof regarding service of notice be obtained from the informant.

5. Learned counsel for the State shall obtain 183 BNSS statement of the victim, her medical examination report, instruction regarding service of notice on the informant, case diary as well as instruction regarding criminal antecedents, if any, against the Petitioner in the meantime.

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6. This is an application for interim bail filed by the Petitioner on the ground to attend the first death anniversary of his elder son.

7. Heard.

8. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, the averments taken in the interim application and on the humanitarian ground, this Court is inclined to release the Petitioner on bail for a period of *ten days* from the date of release and the Petitioner shall surrender before the learned trial Court immediately on expiry of the said bail period.

9. For the above period, let the Petitioner be released on interim bail for a period of ten days in connection with G.R. Case No.90 of 2025, pending in the Court of learned Ad-hoc



Addl. Sessions Judge (F.T.S.C.), under POCSO Act, Berhampur on furnishing bail bond of Rs.50,000/-(rupees fifty thousand) with two local solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Court in seisin over the matter with further terms and conditions that while on interim bail, the Petitioner shall not try to come in contact with the victim or any of the prosecution witnesses, shall not try to tamper with the evidence and shall not indulge in any criminal activities.

10. Violation of any terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of interim bail.

11. Accordingly, the I.A. is disposed of.

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12. List this matter on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

13. Learned counsel for the Petitioner shall file the surrender certificate of the Petitioner for consideration of the bail application on merit before the next date.

14. Issue urgent certified copy as per Rules.

15. A free copy of this order be handed over to the learned counsel for the State for compliance.

*(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)*  
*Judge*