



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.3392 of 2026

Chandan Yadav

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Petitioner

Mr. R.K. Pattanaik, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

...

Opposite Party

Mr. M.R. Patra, Addl. PP

Mr. P. Dash, Advocate (informant)

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL):23.06.2026

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 Rourkela Plantsite PS Case No.124 of 2026 corresponding to GR Case No.391 of 2026 pending in the file of learned SDJM, Panposh, Rourkela, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.103(1)/238(a)/249(a)/3(5) of BNS, on the main allegation of assisting the principal accused person, who has allegedly committed murder of the deceased by transporting them to another place.
3. Heard, Mr. Ramani Kanta Pattanaik, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. M.R. Patra, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter so also Mr. Pratik Dash, learned counsel for the informant and perused the record. Mr. Pratik Dash, learned counsel for the informant by placing the statement of B. Gopal Rao submits that not only the petitioner has assisted the co-accused to commit the crime, but also assisted them in absconding and that apart, the present petitioner has



definite role in the crime and therefore, the bail application of the petitioner may kindly be rejected.

5. After having considered the rival submissions upon perusal of record, it appears from the impugned order that the learned Addl. Sessions Judge while refusing bail to the petitioner has *inter-alia* reflected the following in paragraph-7, the relevant part of which reads as under:-

"On perusal of the case record, it is found that the IO of this case ascertained the involvement of the accused persons namely Subham, Mohit and one Koya from the CCTV footage. During the investigation, he ascertained the involvement of present accused petitioner by helping the other accused persons to conceal the principal offenders. The present petitioner helped the accused persons to abscond from Rourkela, for which he is held by the I.O. xx xx xxx"

5. The aforesaid observation of the learned trial Court indicates that the present petitioner has allegedly helped in harboring the co-accused and helping them after the alleged crime. Besides, the present petitioner has also been forwarded to the Court with the aid of Section 249(a) of BNS, which provides punishment for harboring the offender, but such offence is bailable in nature. What surprises to this Court is that the bail application of the accused-petitioner, who appears to be forwarded to the Court for commission of offence U/S.249 of BNS has been rejected. No doubt Mr. Das, learned counsel for the informant has raised objection vehemently by contending *inter alia* that the present



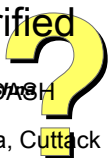
petitioner poses flight risk, but such apprehension of the informant can also be curbed by imposing appropriate condition. In the aforesaid facts and circumstance and taking into account the nature and gravity of the offences alleged against the petitioner and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the petitioner in custody since 21.02.2026 and keeping in view the pre-trial detention of the petitioner in custody, this Court without expressing any view on merits admits the petitioner to bail.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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(G. Satapathy)
Judge