



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.4184 of 2025

Manoj Puhan @ Manoranjan ... **Petitioner**
Puhan @ Pradhan @ Manoj
Pradhan

*Mr. S.C. Mohapatra, Sr. Advocate
along with Mr. S. Mohapatra, Advocate*

-versus-

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

Mr. P. Satpathy, Addl. PP

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)
09.10.2025

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is the 2nd successive bail application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Khuntuni P.S. Case No.69 of 2013 corresponding to S.T. Case No.128 of 2024 (C.T. Case No. 387(A) of 2013) pending in the file of learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Athagarh (S.D.J.M., Athagarh), for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.302/394/34 of the IPC r/w. Section 25 & 27 of the Arms Act, on the main allegation of committing murder of the deceased with robbery.
3. Heard, Mr. Soura Chandra Mohapatra, learned Senior Counsel, who is being assisted by Mr. S. Mohapatra, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. P. Satpathy, learned Addl. PP in the matter and



perused the record including the deposition of PWs.1 to 16. At the outset, Mr. Mohapatra informs this Court that this is the 2nd bail application of the petitioner, but no bail application of the petitioner is pending before any other forum except this one.

4. It is not in dispute that co-accused Sachin @ Gundeikumar Parida and Chandrasekhar @ Kalia Behera have faced trial in S.T. No.27 of 2014, but co-accused Sachin @ Gundeikumar Parida was only convicted by the learned trial Court by mainly relying upon the evidence of PW.1-Tirthabasi Barik and PW.15-Giridhari Sahoo, out of whom Giridhari Sahoo has been examined in this case as PW.1, but he has not supported the prosecution case. It is also not in dispute that Tirthabasi Barik had in fact expired in the meantime before he could be examined in this case. Further, the witnesses so far examined in this case vide PWs.1 to 16 have not substantially deposed against the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody since 06.04.2024, however, the trial is yet to be concluded.

5. In such view of the matter and after having considered the rival submission 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 taking into account the materials available on record including the inherent right of the accused to be



presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, 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 including the 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 the petitioner shall cooperate with the trial. **In case the Petitioner fails 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 in accordance with law.***

7. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

8. Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

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