



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.5001 of 2026

Juel Pani and another ... ***Petitioners***

Mr. S.N. Padhy, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr.M.R. Patra, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL):24.06.2026

Order No.

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1. This is a bail application U/S.483 of the BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with EI & EB Unit-II (SD), Berhampur PR No. 491 of 2025-2026 corresponding to 2(a) CC Case No.75 of 2025(N) pending in the Court of learned District & Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Ganjam, at-Berhmapur for commission of offence punishable U/S.20(b)(ii)(C) of the NDPS Act, on the main allegation of transporting 40Kgs of Contraband Ganja in an auto rickshaw bearing Regd. No.OD-18B-7301.

2. Heard, Mr. Surendra Nath Padhy, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. M.R. Patra, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record. On being queried about the criminal antecedent of the petitioners, Mr. Das volunteers to withhold bail to the petitioners, if he/they is/are found to have any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

3. The Petitioners are renewing their prayer for bail after submission of final PR in this case, but they are in custody since 18.11.2025, however, even charge has already been framed, no witness has yet been examined. In the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case and



on consideration of the materials placed on record, the petitioners would be considered to have satisfied the conditions of Sec.37 of NDPS Act, if they are not having any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

4. For the reasons stated hereinabove and taking into account the other circumstances on record in entirety, this Court without expressing any view on merit admits the petitioners to bail, but subject to verification of their criminal antecedent.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioners stands allowed and they are allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) with two solvent sureties each 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.

In view of the specific submission as advanced for the petitioners, the benefit of this order shall not be extended to the concerned petitioner(s), if he/they is/are found to have any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

6. 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