



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 3774 of 2026

Prakash Pradhan

..... ***Petitioner(s)***
Mr. Arijeet Mishra, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha

..... ***Opposite Party***
Ms. Sarita Moharana, ASC

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

06.05.2026

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F.I.R. No.	Dated	Police Station	Case No. and Courts' Name	Sections
119	24.02.2026	Pipili	G.R. Case No.166 of 2026 pending in the court of learned J.M.F.C., Pipili	Sections 318(4)/336(3)/340(2)/351(3)/3(5) of the BNS

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.
3. The Petitioner being in custody in Pipili P.S. No. 119 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.166 of 2026 pending in the

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court of learned J.M.F.C., Pipili , registered for the alleged commission of offences under Section 318(4)/336(3)/340(2)/351(3)/3(5) of the BNS, has filed this petition for his release on bail.

4. The brief fact of the case is that on 24.02.2026, the informant, Harihar Pradhan lodged a written report before Pipili P.S., alleging that he had given his documents to the present petitioner Prakash Pradhan, an employee of Bandhan Bank, Pipili for the purpose of taking a loan. It is further alleged that after some time of his giving documents, the accused-petitioner asked him for an OTP and accordingly he provided the OTP to the accused-petitioner. It is also alleged that on 25.04.2025 at about 04.30 P.M the petitioner again asked the informant for OTP and the informant also provided him the OTP. It is further alleged that on 07.08.2025, the informant received a letter from Karnataka Bank, Bhubaneswar Branch to the effect that one account bearing A/c No.992505071055201 has been opened in his name in the said bank and transaction of huge deposit and withdrawal is being carried on in the said account. Thereafter, immediately the informant stopped the transaction on the said account by intimating the fact to its Branch Manager and brought the transaction details of the said account opened in his name



and could know that there was online transaction of about one crore rupees in the said account. So, the informant lodged a written report against the Petitioner before the Pipili P.S. Hence, this case.

5. The learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. There is no credible or incriminating material on record to connect him to the alleged offenses. The petitioner has been in custody 25.02.2026. In light of these facts, the counsel prays that the petitioner be enlarged on bail, as continued detention is unjustified in the absence of substantial evidence.
6. Learned counsel for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for bail, emphasizing the seriousness of the allegations.
7. Without going into the merit of the case and based on the facts and circumstances of the case, it is directed that the Petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case with some stringent terms and conditions as deemed just and proper by the learned court in *seisin* over the matter with further conditions that:-
 - i. The Petitioner shall appear before the local Police Station on every alternate Sunday between 10.00 A.M. to 12.00 P.M. till conclusion of the trial;
 - ii. The Petitioner shall appear before the learned court in *seisin* over the matter on each date of posting of the case;



- iii. The Petitioner shall not indulge himself in any criminal offence while on bail.
 - iv. The Petitioner shall not tamper the evidence of the prosecution evidence in any manner.
8. Violation of any of the above conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail.
9. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

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