



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No. 3876 of 2026

Romanchal Sahu ***Petitioner***

Mr. S.N. Mishra 4, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ***Opposite Party***

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

06.05.2026

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- 01.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
2. The Petitioner is an accused in connection with C.T. Case No.34 of 2026 (Sessions), pending on the file of learned Sessions Judge-Cum-Special Judge, Kalahandi, Bhawanipatna, arising out of **Kesinga P.S. Case No.448 of 2025**, for commission of alleged offences under Sections 80/ 123/ 3(5) of the BNS and r/w Section 4 of the DP Act.
3. Learned counsel, on instruction, submits that except the present BLAPL, no other bail application of the Petitioner relating to the aforementioned P.S. case is pending in any other Court.
4. Being aggrieved by the rejection of his application for bail U/s.483 of BNSS by the learned Sessions Judge-Cum-Special Judge, Kalahandi, Bhawanipatna, by order



dated 09.04.2026 in the aforementioned case, the present BLAPL has been filed.

5. The prosecution case, in short, is that the informant married his daughter to Jagannath Sahu on 13.03.2023 and provided dowry articles as per his capacity. After marriage, her husband and in-laws tortured and abused her demanding further dowry. On 10.09.2025, the informant visited her matrimonial home and found her ill and being abused by her in-laws. Later that night, he was informed that she had consumed poison and was admitted to Hospital. When he went to hospital, his daughter allegedly told him that her in-laws had forcibly administered poison to her. She was subsequently shifted to Bhawanipatna Hospital, where she was declared dead. Suspecting dowry death, the informant lodged the FIR against the husband and in-laws on 11.09.2025. Basing on such, aforementioned PS case was registered.

6. It is submitted by learned counsel that Petitioner is the father-in-law and the allegations is omnibus in nature in commission of major offence under Section 80 of BNS and taking into account the filing of charge sheet and release of the husband on the ground of violation of the guidelines regarding "furnishing of grounds of arrest" in terms of the judgment of the Apex Court in the case of **Mihir Rajesh Shah vrs. State of Maharashtra and another, 2025 SCC OnLine SC 2531**, the Petitioner may be released on bail.



7. Learned counsel for the State opposes such prayer.

8. Taking into account the nature of allegation, that the Petitioner is the Father-in-law and aged about 60 years, this Court directs the Petitioner to be released on bail on such terms to be fixed by the learned Court in seisin.

9. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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