



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No. 3912 of 2026

Bapi @ Manoranjan ***Petitioner***
Pani

Ms. D. Behuray, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ***Opposite Party***

Mr. M.R. Mohanty, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER
07.05.2026

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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.740 of 2025, pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C., Soro, arising out of **Khaira P.S. Case No.145 of 2025**, for commission of alleged offences under Sections 310(2) of the BNS, r/w Sections 25 and 27 of the ARMS 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 Additional District & Sessions Judge, Soro, by order dated 13.02.2026 in the aforementioned case, the present BLAPL has been filed.



5. The allegation against the present Petitioner is that he along with the co-accused committed dacoity.

6. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the Petitioner was remanded in the case at hand on 16.07.2025 and referring to the order of the rejection passed by the learned Sessions Judge, it is stated that since the Petitioner was not put to TI Parade and the co-accused having been released vide order dated 16.09.2025 by this Court in BLAPL Nos.6145, 7422, 7770 and 8807 of 2025 namely, Kalia @ Ashok Kumar Nath, Julu @ Dharendra Sahu, Banthu @ Prahallad Gahan and Ajay Kumar Mohanty respectively, on the ground of parity, the Petitioner may be released on bail.

7. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for bail.

8. An affidavit has been filed on behalf of the Petitioner regarding the criminal antecedents. The same is extracted hereunder-

Sl. No.	Police Station	Case No.	Offence	Status
1	Soro	378/25	U/s. 331(4), 310(2), 311 of BNS	No remand in this case
2	Soro	286/25	U/s. 304(4) of BNS	No remand in this case
3	Soro	282/25	U/s. 309(4) of BNS	No remand in this case
4	Soro	218/2025	U/s. 310(2), 331(4) of BNS	No remand in this case
5	Soro	467/2017	U/s. 379 IPC	Release on bail as per order of Sessions Judge, Balasore



6	Basudevpur	118/2010	U/s. 457/380 IPC	Release on bail as per order of Sessions Judge, Balasore
7	Basudevpur	52/2016	U/s. 379 IPC	Release on bail as per order of Sessions Judge, Balasore
8	Simulia	64/2016	U/s. 395 IPC, 25/27 Arms Act	Release on bail as per order of Sessions Judge, Balasore
9	Chandbali	182/2016	U/s. 379 IPC	Release on bail as per order of J.M.F.C. Balasore
10	Chandbali	123/2011	U/s. 395 IPC, 25/27 Arms Act	Release on bail as per order of J.M.F.C. Chandbali
11	Chandbali	161/2011	U/s. 395 IPC	Release on bail as per order of Asst. Sessions Judge, Bhadrak
12	Chandbali	95/2015	U/s. 379 IPC	Release on bail as per order of J.M.F.C. Chandbali
13	Bhadrak Rural	468/2011	U/s. 395 IPC, 25/27 Arms Act	Release on bail as per order of S.D.J.M. Bhadrak
14	Koliari	244/2017	U/s. 395 IPC, 25/27 Arms Act	—
15	Talcher Sadar	131/2017	U/s. 395 IPC, 25/27 Arms Act	Release on bail as per order of Hon'ble High Court
16	Mahulpali	56/2014	U/s. 395 IPC	Release on bail as per order of Hon'ble High Court
17	Soro	136/2016	U/s. 394 IPC	Release on bail as per order of Sessions Judge, Balasore
18	Bhadrak Town	353/2017	U/s. 25(1)(B)	Release on bail as per order of S.D.J.M., Bhadrak
19	Basudevpur	22/2019	U/s. 457/380	Release on bail as per order of S.D.J.M., Bhadrak
20	Basudevpur	34/2019	U/s. 457/380 IPC	Release on bail as per order of S.D.J.M. Bhadrak
21	Basudevpur	47/2014	U/s. 379 IPC	Release on bail as per order of S.D.J.M. Bhadrak



22	Basudevpur	53/2019	U/s. 457/380 IPC	Release on bail as per order of S.D.J.M. Bhadrak
23	Bhadrak Town	173/2018	U/s. 399/402 IPC	Release on bail as per order of Sessions Judge, Bhadrak
24	Khaira	144/2025	U/s. 310(2), 25/27 Arms Act	Release on bail as per order of Hon'ble High Court in BLAPL No.11172/2025
25	Soro	403/2025	U/s. 331(4), 310(2), 311, 109(1) of BNS	Pending
26	Khaira	118/2018	U/s. 294, 417, 118, 420, 506, 34 of I.P.C.	Release on bail as per order of Sessions Judge, Balasore
27	Tihidi	173/2020	U/s. 394, 395, 397 of I.P.C., 25 & 27 of Arms Act	Release on bail as per order of Sessions Judge, Bhadrak
28	Khaira	145/2025	U/s. 310 of BNS, 25 & 27 of Arms Act	Pending
29	Gundi	250/2022	U/s. 457, 380, 12(b), 34 IPC	---

Referring to the same it is submitted that because of such antecedents, the Petitioner has been made a scapegoat. Hence, that ought not to weigh this Court when the co-accused in the case at hand has been released.

9. Though ground of parity is one of the grounds to be considered for release, the same cannot have an universal application bereft of the factual matrix of a case.

10. On going through the order passed by this Court relating to the co-accused, it is seen that there was no



mention that they have any criminal antecedents. Though it is stated by the learned counsel for the Petitioner on instruction that they are instituted on similar footing.

11. Be that as it may, taking into account the nature of allegations and the antecedents as above, this Court is **not inclined** to entertain the bail application of the Petitioner.

12. Liberty is granted to the Petitioner to renew his prayer before the learned Court in seisin after examination of the material witnesses.

13. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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