



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.4110 of 2026

Samanta Rao Amayata ... ***Petitioner***
Ms. A. Das, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ... ***Opposite Party***
Mr. M.R. Patra, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY
ORDER(ORAL):08.05.2026

Order No.

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1. This is a bail application U/S.483 of the BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Baliguda PS Case No. 322 of 2025 corresponding to CT Case No.166 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned Special Judge-cum-Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Baliguda, Dist-Kandhamal for commission of offence punishable U/S.20(b)(ii)(C) of the NDPS Act, on the main allegation of transporting 38 Kgs of Contraband Ganja in a Mahindra Bolero Pick up vehicle bearing Registration No. OD24-C-3475.

2. Heard, Ms. Ashwariya Dash, learned counsel for the petitioner appearing virtually 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 petitioner, Ms. Dash volunteers to withhold bail to the petitioner, if he is found to have any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

3. Admittedly, the Petitioner was taken into custody on 14.10.2025, but in the meantime, charge sheet has already been submitted, however, the trial is yet to commence and there are 19 charge sheeted witnesses and, therefore, the trial would take some time. Besides, it is claimed that the Petitioner is not having any criminal antecedent of similar nature. In the fitness of things and on



going through the materials placed on record, especially when there is no criminal antecedent of similar nature reported against the Petitioner, the petitioner would be considered to have satisfied the conditions of Sec.37 of NDPS Act, if he is not having any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

4. For the reason stated hereinabove and taking into account the pre-trial detention of the petitioner and keeping in view the other circumstances on record in entirety, this Court without expressing any view on merit admits the petitioner to bail, but subject to verification of his criminal antecedent.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stands allowed and he is 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 petitioner, the benefit of this order shall not be extended to the petitioner, if he is 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