



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 4145 of 2026

Kunal Raj Verma

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

-Versus-

State of Odisha

..... ***Opposite Party(s)***
Ms. Sarita Moharana, ASC

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

06.05.2026

Order No.

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FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Case No. and Courts' Name	Sections
29	19.01.2026	Barbil	G.R. Case No.77 of 2026 pending in the court of learned J.M.F.C., Barbil	Section 310(2)/317(3)/317(4) of BNS read with Sec.25/27 Arms Act.

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. The Petitioner being in custody in Barbil P.S. Case No. 29 of 2026, corresponding to G.R. Case No.77 of 2026 pending in the court of learned J.M.F.C., Barbil, registered for the alleged

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commission of offences under Sections 310(2)/317(3)/317(4) of BNS read with Section 25/27 Arms Act., has filed this petition for his release on bail.

4. The brief fact of the case is that on 19.01.2026 at about 2 P.M. five to six unknown persons covering their faces with masks, muffler and helmet being armed with fire arms and other deadly weapons entered inside the Bank of Maharashtra, Barbil Branch and looted cash amounting to Rs.4,38,700/- and gold packets pledged by customer to the bank totaling 155 numbers having gross weight of 7.5 kg and net weight of 6.40 Kg by over powering the persons present in the bank. On receipt of the written report of the complainant, Pankaj Kumar Barnwal, Branch Manager of Bank of Maharashtra, Barbil Branch, Barbil P.S., Case no.29 of 2026 under Section 310 (2) of BNS and Section 25/27 of Arms Act,1959 was registered, and an investigation was taken up. Hence, this case.
5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. The Petitioner is no way connected with the offences as alleged by the prosecution in any manner. He further submits that the Petitioner is not named in the FIR. Moreover, the Petitioner is



in custody since 24.01.2026. Hence, he submits that the Petitioner may be enlarged on bail.

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