



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.5071 of 2026

Nihar Ranjan Hati @ Papu ... ***Petitioner***
Mr. A.K. Jena, Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha ... ***Opposite Party***
Mr. C. Mohanty, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL):09.07.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is a bail application U/S.483 of the BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Khurda Industrial Estate PS Case No.267 of 2025 corresponding to TR Case No.131 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned 2nd Additional Sessions Judge, Khurda, for commission of offence punishable U/Ss.20(b)(ii)(B)/29 of the NDPS Act, on the main allegation of possessing 7Kgs 320Grams of Contraband Ganja.
3. Heard, Mr. Asit Kumar Jena, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. C. Mohanty, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.
4. The bail was in fact opposed to by the learned State Counsel on the ground of the petitioner having one criminal antecedent of similar nature, but the materials on record discloses that the petitioner has been implicated in this case on the basis of statement of co-accused Raja @ Rajesh Chandra Majhi from whose fast-food center, the Contraband article was allegedly



recovered. No Contraband article was recovered from the exclusive and conscious possession of the petitioner. In the aforesaid facts and circumstances and taking into account the mode and manner of implication of the present petitioner keeping in view the law laid down by the Apex Court in ***Tofan Singh Vrs. State of Tamil Nadu; (2020) 80 OCR (SC) 641***, this Court without expressing any view on merit admits the petitioner to bail.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stands allowed and the petitioner is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) with one solvent surety 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 with following condition: -

(i) the petitioner shall not indulge in any criminal activities while on bail.

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. 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.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge