



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.4997 of 2026

Munna Patel & others

... Petitioners

Mr. S.R. Das, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

... Opposite Party

Mr. M.R. Patra, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

Order No.

ORDER(ORAL) : 24.06.2026

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1. This is a bail application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Rourkela-II Excise Station PR Case No. 443 of 2025-26 corresponding to 2(a)CC Case No. 02 of 2026 pending in the file of learned Special Judge, Rourkela, for commission of offences punishable U/S. 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS Act, on the main allegation of possessing 25Kgs 150Grams of Contraband Ganja and waiting for the train at the platform.

2. Heard, Mr. Soumya Ranjan Das, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. M.R. Patra, learned Addl. PP in the matter and perused the record. On being queried about the criminal antecedents of the petitioners, Mr. Das volunteers to withhold bail to the petitioners, if they are found to have any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

3. Admittedly, the petitioners were granted liberty in BLAPL No. 2720 of 2026 to renew their prayer for bail after submission of charge sheet, but the petitioners are in custody since 17.01.2026 and the petitioners have been implicated in this case for joint possession of commercial quantity. It is, however, claimed that the petitioners are not having any criminal antecedent of similar nature. In such view of the



matter, especially when no criminal antecedent of similar nature is being reported against the petitioners, the petitioners would be considered to have satisfied the conditions of Section 37 of NDPS Act, if they are not having any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act involving commercial quantity.

4. For the reasons stated hereinabove and taking into account the custodial period of the petitioners, this Court without expressing any view on merit admits each of the petitioners to bail, but subject to verification of their criminal antecedents for similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act involving commercial quantity.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioners stands allowed and each of the petitioners are allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) each with two solvent sureties 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 advanced for the petitioners, the benefit of the aforesaid order shall not be extended to the concerned petitioner(s), if he/they is/are found to have criminal antecedent(s) of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

6. Accordingly, these BLAPs stand 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.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge