



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLA No.663 of 2025

Uanshu Podh

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Appellant

Mr. T.P. Mohapatra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & another

...

Respondents

Mr. M.R. Patra, Addl.PP

None (informant)

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY
ORDER(ORAL)
24.02.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).

2. This criminal appeal Under Section 14-A(2) of the Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 together with amendment Act, 2016 (in short, "the Act") in nature of bail is directed against the impugned order dated 21.05.2025 passed by the learned Addl. Sessions Judge-cum-Spl. Judge, Patnagarh in Special GR Case No. 33 of 2023 arising out of Patnagarh P.S. Case No. 196 of 2023 refusing to grant bail to the appellant for commission of offence punishable U/Ss. 294/506/302 of IPC read with Sec. 3(1)(r)(s)/3(2)(v) of the Act, on the main allegation of committing murder of one Jiten Dhubal by assaulting him with an axe by taking advantage of his caste.

3. Heard, Mr. Tara Prasad Mohapatra, learned counsel for the appellant appearing virtually and Mr. M.R. Patra, learned Addl. Public Prosecutor in the



matter and perused the record including the copy of deposition of PW.1. None appears for the informant/victim despite having entered appearance through one counsel.

4. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the materials placed on record together with the evidence of the eye witness-cum-PW.1 and keeping in view the statement of another eye witness Kalia Sandha, who is yet to be examined and taking into account the other circumstances on record in entirety, this Court does not consider it proper to grant bail to the appellant.

Hence, the prayer for bail of the appellant stands rejected. Accordingly, the CRLA stands dismissed. A soft copy of the order be immediately communicated to the Court in seisin over the matter for reference.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

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