



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

Jitendra Pradhan

(In BLAPL No.6759 of 2025)

Sarat Chandra Sahoo

@ Sarat Ch. Sahoo

(In BLAPL No. 4640 of 2025)

Tapas Ranjan Maharana

(In BLAPL No.6407 of 2025) ... Petitioners

*Mr. N. Behera, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.6759 of 2025)*

*Mr. S.R. Das, Advocate
(In BLAPL No. 4640 of 2025)*

*Mr. K. Mohanty, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.6407 of 2025)*

-versus-

State of Odisha

... Opposite Party

Mr. C. Mohanty, Addl. PP

**CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY**

**ORDER(ORAL)
13.08.2025**

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. Since these three bail applications arise out of one and same case record, the same are heard together and disposed of by this common order with the consent of the learned counsel for the parties.
3. These are bail applications U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Rourkela Cyber P.S. Case No.1 of 2025 corresponding to G.R. Case No.191 of 2025 pending in the file of



learned S.D.J.M.(P) Rourkela & Addl. C.J.M., Rourkela, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss. 318(4)/319(2)/338/336(2)/340(2) of BNS r/w. Sections 66(C)/66(D) of the IT Act, on the allegation of facilitating the co-accused to obtain credit cards from the ICICI Bank, Rourkela Branch by receiving some undue pecuniary advantage and showing inflated IT returns as well as facilitating the use of credit cards in swipe machine in lieu of some undue pecuniary advantage.

4. Heard, Mr. Niranjana Behera, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL N o. 6759 of 2025; Mr. Soumya Ranjan Das, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No. 4640 of 2025; Mr. Kuldeep Mohanty, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No. 6407 of 2025 and Mr. C. Mohanty, learned Addl. PP in these matters and perused the record including the evidence of informant-PW.5.

5. After having considered the rival submission and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offences as alleged against the petitioners vis-à-vis the accusations sought to be brought against them and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the petitioners in custody since 31.01.2025 (Jitendra Pradhan & Sarat Chandra Sahoo @ Sarat Ch. Sahoo) & 03.04.2025 (Tapas Ranjan Maharana) and taking into account the other circumstances on record in entirety and keeping in view the inherent



right of the accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial and applying the law laid down by the Apex Court in ***Satender Kumar Antil Vrs. Central Bureau of Investigation; (2022) 10 SCC 51***, since the offences alleged against the petitioners being triable by Magistrate First Class and keeping in view grant of bail to co-accused Bibhudutta Biswal in BLAPL No. 5976 of 2025 by this Court, this Court without expressing any view on merits, admits each of the petitioners to bail.

6. Hence, these three bail applications of the petitioners namely Jitendra Pradhan (BLAPL No. 6759 of 2025), Sarat Chandra Sahoo @ Sarat Ch. Sahoo (BLAPL No. 4640 of 2025) and Tapas Ranjan Maharana (BLAPL No. 6407 of 2025) stand allowed and each of the petitioners is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five Thousand) each 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 deems fit and proper by it with following conditions:-

(i) the petitioners shall not commit any offence while on bail,

*(ii) the petitioner in the course of trial shall attend the trial Court on each date of posting without fail unless their attendance is dispensed with. **In case the Petitioners fails without sufficient cause to appear in the Court in accordance with the terms of the bail, the learned trial Court may proceed against the***



***Petitioners for offence U/S.269 of BNS,
2023 in accordance with law,***

(iii) the petitioners shall not leave the territorial jurisdiction of the trial Court without prior permission till disposal of the case by intimating their present address of stay to the concerned Court.

It is clarified that the Court in seisin of the case will be at liberty to cancel the bail of the petitioner without further reference to this Court, if any of the above conditions are violated or a case for cancellation of bail is otherwise made out. In the wake of aforesaid, the subsequent involvement of the petitioner in future for similar/grave offences on prima facie accusations may be treated as a ground for cancellation of bail in this case.

7. Accordingly, these BLAPLs stand disposed of.

8. Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules.

***(G. Satapathy)
Judge***

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