



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.774 of 2025

Sankar Behera

....

***Appellant/
Petitioner***

Represented by Adv.-

Mr. Debasis Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

***Respondent/
Opp. Party***

Represented by Adv.-

Ms. Suvalaxmi Devi, ASC

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK

AND

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER

25.02.2026

(Hybrid mode)

Order No.

I.A. No.585 of 2026

- 02.
- 1.** This is an application for interim bail filed by the appellant-Sankar Behera on the ground that his grandmother expired on 18.02.2026 and he has to attend the obsequies ceremony.
 - 2.** Heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned counsel for the State-Respondent.
 - 3.** The appellant-petitioner has been convicted under section 302 of the Indian Penal Code and was sentenced



to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life and to pay a fine of Rs.10,000/- (rupees ten thousand) in default, to undergo R.I. for six months for the offence under section 302 of the Indian Penal Code, as directed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Keonjhar in S.T. Case No.8/22 of 2020 arising out of Pandapada P.S. Case No. 34 dated 27.05.2019 and G.R. Case No. 618 of 2018.

4. Learned counsel for the State submitted that she has not received any report so far, even if she has communicated to the local police to verify the death of the grandmother of the appellant.

5. In view of the urgency involved in the matter, since the tenth day of obsequie ceremony of the grandmother of the convict-appellant is fixed to 27.02.2026, we are inclined to enlarge the convict-appellant on interim bail for a period of ten days from the date of his actual release.

6. Accordingly, we direct the learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Keonjhar to release the convict-appellant on interim bail for a period of ten days from the date of his actual release, after due verification of the factum of death of the grandmother of the appellant. The learned trial court shall fix the terms and conditions as deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case. The convict-appellant shall surrender before the learned



Addl. Sessions Judge, Keonjhar immediately after expiry of ten days period.

7. Violation of any of the terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of the interim bail.
8. Accordingly, the I.A. is disposed of.
9. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules in course of the day.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(Sibo Sankar Mishra)
Judge

03. **CRLA No.774 of 2025**

1. List this matter after fifteen days.
2. Learned counsel for the appellant shall file the Surrender Certificate of the appellant on the next date.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(Sibo Sankar Mishra)
Judge