



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

Reetu Meena

(In BLAPL No.7051 of 2026)

CNR No. ODHC010502622026

Vikas Kaithwas

(In BLAPL No.7219 of 2026)

CNR No. ODHC010522212026

... Petitioners

Mr. R.L. Pattanaik, proxy counsel on behalf of

Mr. S.K. Panda, Advocate

(in BLAPL No.7051 of 2026)

Mr. S. Sahoo, Advocate

(in BLAPL No.7219 of 2026)

-versus-

State of Orissa

... Opposite Party

Mr. M.R. Patra, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

Order No.

ORDER(ORAL) 09.09.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. Since these two 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 counsels for the parties.
3. These are bail applications U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Adava PS Case No.194 of 2025 corresponding to GR Case No.100 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned Sessions Judge-cum-Spl. Judge, Gajapati for commission of offence punishable U/Ss.20(b)(ii)(C)/25/29 of the NDPS Act, on the main allegation of transporting 25Kgs and 900Grams of Contraband Ganja in a Tata Indigo Car bearing Regd. No.MP-13-CA-7758.



4. Heard, Mr. Rajib Lochan Pattanaik, learned proxy counsel appearing virtually on behalf of Mr. Sunil Kumar Panda, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No.7051 of 2026; Mr. Satyabrata Sahoo, learned counsel appearing virtually for the petitioner in BLAPL No.7219 of 2026 and Mr. M.R. Patra, learned Addl. PP in these matters and perused the record. On being queried about the criminal antecedent of the petitioners, Mr. Pattanaik & Mr. Sahoo, learned counsels for the respective petitioners volunteer to withhold bail to the petitioner(s), if he/they is/are having any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

5. Admittedly, the petitioners were taken into custody on 20.12.2025, but in the meantime, charge-sheet has already been submitted, however, the trial is yet to commence and there are 17 charge-sheeted witnesses and, therefore, the trial would take some time. Besides, it is claimed that the petitioners are not having any criminal antecedent of similar nature. In the peculiar facts and circumstance of the case and ongoing through the materials placed on record together with the claim of the Petitioners for not having any criminal antecedent of similar nature, the petitioners would be considered to have satisfied the conditions of Sec.37 of NDPS Act, if they are not having any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

6. For the reason stated hereinabove and taking into account the custody period of the petitioner with submission of charge-sheet in the meantime and keeping in view the other circumstances on record in entirety, this Court without



expressing any view on merit admits each of the petitioners to bail, but subject to verification of their criminal antecedent.

7. Hence, these two bail applications of the petitioners namely Reetu Meena (BLAPL No.7051 of 2026) and Vikas Kaithwas (BLAPL No.7219 of 2026) stand allowed and each of the petitioners are allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) with two solvent sureties each 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 as advanced for the petitioners, the benefit of this order shall not be extended to the concerned petitioner(s), if he/they is/are found to have any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offences under NDPS Act.

8. Accordingly, these BLAPLs stand disposed of.

9. 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

Jayakrushna

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