



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.7709 of 2025

Ramesh Choudhury ... ***Petitioner***

Mr. J. Sahu, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. R.B. Mishra, Addl. PP

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)
13.08.2025

Order No.

01.

1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is a bail application U/S.483 of the BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Sohela PS Case No.51 of 2025 arising out of Special GR Case No.07 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Padampur, for commission of offence punishable U/Ss.21(b)/25/29 of the NDPS Act r/w Sections 25/27 of Arms Act, on the allegation of possessing some cartoons of Eskuf Cough Syrup containing Contraband article namely Codeine Phosphate therein, along with co-accused persons.
3. Heard, Mr. Jagabandhu Sahu, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. R.B. Mishra, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.
4. It is borne out from the record that co-accused Keshab Bernal and some others were apprehended



from the spot, but the co-accused Alok Sahu and Jayadev Sahu were alleged to have illegally purchased the consignment of Eskuf Cough Syrup, however, some of the co-accused including the petitioner allegedly concealed some cartoons of Cough Syrup and, thereby, the co-accused Alok Sahu and Jayadev Sahu & their associates had allegedly set up other co-accused persons to kidnap the co-accused namely Umesh Choudhury and his driver Paramananda Sahoo, who had allegedly concealed some cartoons of Cough Syrup along with petitioner. Be that as it may, the principal accused-Alok Sahu has already been granted bail, so also Keshab Bernal and others by this Court in BLAPL No.5767 of 2025. Further, on completion of investigation, charge-sheet has already been submitted in the meantime.

5. In view of the above facts and after having considered the rival submissions and on going through the materials placed on record, since there is unlikelihood of commencement of trial in near future, this Court considers that the conditions of Section 37 of NDPS Act may be dispensed with for the petitioner at this stage, especially when co-accused namely Ricky Pradhan, Alok Sahu @ Alok Kumar Sahu, Umesh Choudhury, Keshaba Bernal & others and Sambhu Mirza @ Mirza Sammi Beig have already been granted bail in BLAPL Nos.2446, 3244, 3380, 5767 and 6779 of 2025.



6. For the reasons stated hereinabove and taking into account the grant of bail to co-accused persons, this Court without expressing any view on merits admits the petitioner to bail.

7. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stands allowed and the petitioner is 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.

The above order is subject to verification of the criminal antecedent of similar nature of the petitioner and in case any criminal antecedent of similar nature or for offence under NDPS Act is found against the petitioner, the benefit of this order shall not be extended to the petitioner without taking leave of the Court.

8. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

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

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

Subhasmita

Signature Not Verified

Digitally Signed
Signed by: SUBHASMITA DAS
Designation: Sr. Stenographer
Reason: Authentication
Location: High Court of Orissa
Date: 14-Aug-2025 14:16:25

