



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.7613 of 2025

Lokanath Sahoo

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Petitioner

Mr. S. Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

...

Opposite Party

Mr. M.K. Mohanty, Addl. PP

Mr. B. Mohapatra, Advocate (Informant)

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)
11.08.2025

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is a bail application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Mangalabagh PS Case No.186 of 2025 corresponding to GR Case No.524 of 2025 pending in the file of learned JMFC, City, Cuttack, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.318(4)/351(3)/3(5) of BNS, on the allegation of cheating the informant for a sum of Rs.10 Lakhs on the pretext of arranging loan of Rs.5 Crores.
3. Heard, Mr. Srinivas Mohanty, learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr. Basudev Mohapatra, learned counsel for the informant and Mr. M.K. Mohanty, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the present matter and perused the record.
4. In the coursing of hearing, Mr. Basudev Mohapatra, learned counsel for the informant, however, opposes the bail application of the petitioner by *inter-*



alia contending that not only Rs.30,000/- has been transferred to the account of the present petitioner, but also another Rs.10 Lakhs has been credited to the account of principal co-accused, which are the cheated amount involved in this case and in addition, he has got reliable information about the conduct of the petitioner in cheating others, but no document has been produced by the learned counsel for the informant to evidence any cheating of other persons by the petitioner.

5. In the aforesaid backdrop and after having considered the rival submissions and on going through the materials placed on record and regard being had to the pre trial detention of the petitioner in custody since 30.06.2025 with substantial progress in investigation and keeping in view the right of the accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, this Court without expressing any view on merits admits the petitioner to bail.

6. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stands allowed and the petitioner is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) only 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 deem fit and proper by it with following condition:-

(i) the petitioner shall appear before the IO as and when required for the purpose of investigation till submission of charge-sheet.



7. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.
8. Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

Subhasmita

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