



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.9785 of 2025

Rashmi Ranjan Das

...

Petitioner

Mr. A.K. Budhia, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

...

Opposite Party

Mr. R.B. Mishra, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)

23.02.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is the 3rd successive bail application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with E.O.W. CID CB P.S. Case No. 06 of 2022 corresponding to C.T. Case No. 12 of 2023 (G.R. Case No. 339 of 2022) pending in the file of PO, Designated Court under OPID Act, Cuttack, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss. 406/419/420/467/468/471/472 of IPC, on the main allegation of cheating the informant for a sum of Rs.1,18,50,000/- on the pretext of getting a piece of land being sold to him by creating forged and fabricated documents with forged signatures of Commissioner of C.M.C., Cuttack.
3. Heard, Mr. Arun Kumar Budhia, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. R.B. Mishra, learned Addl. PP in the matter and perused the record including the report as submitted by the learned trial Court.



4. No doubt, the petitioner is facing trial in this case, but he is in custody since 17.03.2022, however, in the meantime, 03 out of 19 charge sheeted witnesses have been examined and right now the trial stands still for want of Presiding Officer. Right to speedy trial is undeniably the fundamental right of an accused, but custody of a person for a period of four years is definitely long custody. This Court, earlier on the undertaking of the petitioner has granted bail to him in BLAPL No. 8250 of 2022, but the petitioner could not comply the condition as per his own undertaking to pay some amount to the informant and thereby, he is still in custody. In the aforesaid facts and circumstances and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offences as alleged against the petitioner vis-à-vis the accusations sought to be brought against him and regard being had to the long custody of the petitioner and trial having not yet progressed with required pace and there being remote possibility of conclusion of trial in near future and last but not the least, taking into account the conduct of the petitioner in not misusing the liberty granted to him in the form of interim bail, this Court without expressing any view on merit, admits the petitioner to bail.

5. Hence, the bail application of the Petitioner stands allowed and the Petitioner is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five Thousand) only 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.

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. 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