



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLA No.1083 of 2025

Saptam Bagarty

...

Appellant

Mr. M. Bag, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

...

Respondent

Mr. P. Satpathy, Addl. PP

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)
12.12.2025

Order No.
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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This criminal appeal in the nature of bail U/S.14-A of the Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 together with amendment Act, 2016 (in short, "the Act") is directed against the impugned order dated 10.07.2025 passed in Special GR Case No.23 of 2024 by which the learned Special Judge (SC & ST), Balangir, has refused to release the appellant on bail in connection with Puintala PS Case No.69 of 2024, for commission of offence punishable U/Ss.302/376(1)/201 of IPC r/w Section 3(2)(v) of the Act, on the main allegation of committing murder of the deceased Sanjukta Harpal.
3. Heard, Mr. Mohan Bag, learned counsel for the appellant and Mr. P. Satpathy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record including the copy of depositions of PWs.1 to 15. None



appears for the informant/victim despite being duly intimated as apprised by learned Addl. PP.

4. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offence alleged against the appellant vis-a-vis the accusations sought to be brought against him and regard being had to the pre trial detention of the appellant in custody since 23.02.2024 with examination of 15 witnesses, who have not substantially deposed against the appellant and taking into account the other materials on record in entirety including the inherent right of the accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, this Court without expressing any view on the merits, considers it proper to admit the appellant to bail.

5. Hence, the CRLA stands allowed and the impugned order is hereby quashed/set aside. Consequently, the appellant is directed to be released on bail on such terms and conditions as deem fit and proper by the learned Court in seisin over the matter.

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

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

Subhasmita