



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.923 of 2024

Kulamani Swain *Appellant(s)*
Mr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty, Adv.
-versus-
State of Odisha *Respondent(s)*
Miss Gayatri Patra, ASC
Mr. A.K. Behera, Adv.

CORAM:
HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

20.03.2026

I.A. No.2286 of 2024

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13. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. In filing this I.A., the Appellant being in custody pursuant to the impugned judgment of conviction and sentence dated 12.07.2024 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Court under the POCSO Act, Nayagarh in T.R. Case No.114 of 2022 arising out Fategarh P.S. Case No.44 dated 17.02.2022, has prayed for releasing him on bail.
3. Heard.
4. Learned counsel for the Appellant submits that the Appellant has been convicted and sentenced to undergo R.I. for twenty-two (22) years. He further contends that since the parents of the Appellant are suffering from various incurable diseases, presence of the Appellant at



this moment in his house is very much essential. He further contends that the Appellant is the sole bread earner in his family. He, accordingly, prays for permitting the Appellant to be enlarged on interim bail.

5. Considering the submissions made on behalf of the Appellant and since the parents of the Appellant are suffering from various incurable diseases, this Court is of the view that the Appellant should be enlarged on interim bail for taking care of his parents. This Court, accordingly, directs that the Appellant shall be released on interim bail for a period of one month from the date of his actual release from the custody in connection with the above noted case by the learned Court in *seisin* over the matter on such terms and conditions as deemed just and proper with further conditions that he will positively surrender before the learned Court in *seisin* over the matter on the date as would be so directed. The Appellant is also directed not to threaten the victim or her family members in any manner.

6. This I.A. is, accordingly, disposed of.

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7. List this matter on 22nd April, 2026 for final hearing.

8. Both the parties are directed to file their respective written notes of submissions along with citations, if any, in



their support on or before the next date of listing of this matter.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

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