



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No. 10205 of 2025

Sidhanta Sahu

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Petitioner

Mr. B.B. Routray, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

...

Opposite Party

Mr. A. Pradhan, Addl. PP

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)
15.12.2025

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is an application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Special (POCSO) Case No. 23 of 2024 arising out of Jarapada PS Case No. 125 of 2024 pending in the file of learned Addl. District & Sessions Judge-cum-Special Court under POCSO Act, Angul for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.427/450/376(1) of IPC r/w Section 4(1) of POCSO Act, on the main allegation of committing rape and aggravated penetrative sexual assault upon the victim.
3. Heard, Mr. Bharat Bhusan Routray, learned counsel for the Petitioner and Mr. A. Pradhan, learned Addl. Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the



record, but none appears for the 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 as alleged against the petitioner vis-a-vis the accusations sought to be brought against him and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the petitioner in custody since 07.08.2025 with submission of charge sheet in the meantime and taking into account the other circumstances on record in entirety including statement of the victim and keeping in view the inherent 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.

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 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 conditions:-

(i) the petitioner shall not contact the victim or visit her house and

(ii) the petitioner shall not threaten the victim and her parental family members, so also shall not induce/influence/coerce any of the



witnesses acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts before the Court.

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

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

Priyajit