



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

***Kuna @ Santosh Behera @
Santosh Kumar Behera
(In BLAPL No.10466 of 2025)
Ratikanta Das @ Kanhu and others
(In BLAPL No.12910 of 2025) ... Petitioners***

*Mr. Ashok Kumar Jena, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.10466 of 2025)
Mr. Asit Kumar Jena, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.12910 of 2025)*

-versus-

State of Orissa ... Opposite Party

Mr. S.C. Pradhan, Addl. PP

**CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY**

**ORDER(ORAL)
25.02.2026**

**Order No.
03.**

1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. Since these two bail applications arise out of one and same case record, the same are heard together and disposed of by this common order with the consent of the learned counsel for the parties.
3. These are the bail applications U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Balichandrapur PS Case No.512 of 2024 corresponding to CT (Sessions) Case No.323 of 2025 pending in the file of learned Additional District & Sessions Judge, Chandikhole, for commission of offences punishable U/S.310(2) of BNS, on the allegation of committing theft of six electric poles.



4. Heard, Mr. Ashok Kumar Jena, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No.10466 of 2025; Mr. Asit Kumar Jena, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No.12910 of 2025 and Mr. S.C. Pradhan, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.

5. Admittedly, FIR has been registered against unknown persons, but the present petitioners have not been identified in TI parade, however, in the meantime, trial has commenced, but it is yet to be concluded. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstance and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offences as alleged against the petitioners vis-a-vis the accusations sought to be brought against them and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the petitioners in custody with submission of charge-sheet in the meantime and taking into account the other circumstances on record in entirety including the inherent right of the accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial and grant of bail to co-accused Sarthak Parija @ Sarthak and another in BLAPL No.3032 of 2025, this Court without expressing any view on merits, admits each of the petitioners to bail.

6. Hence, these two bail applications of the petitioners namely Kuna @ Santosh Behera @ Santosh Kumar Behera (In BLAPL No.10466 of 2025) and Ratikanta Das @ Kanhu, Ritu Mallik @ Ritua, Jitendra Rajbansi @ Jitu and Amar Bhuyan @ Pintu (In BLAPL



No.12910 of 2025) are allowed and each of the petitioners is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five Thousand) 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 petitioners shall report attendance before the Jurisdictional Police Station once in a fortnight preferably on a Sunday in each month in between 10 A.M. to 12 Noon for three (03) months from the actual date of release from the custody.

7. The I.I.C. of Jurisdictional Police Station shall not detain the petitioners unnecessarily after recording their attendance beyond the time as stipulated.

8. Accordingly, these BLAPLs stand disposed of. 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

Subhasmita