



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.11822 of 2025

Pabitra Pradhan

...

Petitioner

Mr. A.K. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Orissa

...

Opposite Party

Mr. P. Satpathy, Addl. PP

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)
11.12.2025

Order No.
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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is a bail application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Sarangada PS Case No.21 of 2025 corresponding to CT Case No.45 of 2025 pending in the file of learned Special Judge-cum-Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Balliguda, Kandhamal for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.20(a)(i) of the NDPS Act, on the main allegation of cultivating cannabis plant in an area of 28Acre of Govt. land.
3. Heard, Mr. Akshaya Kumar Sahoo, learned counsel for the petitioner appearing virtually and Mr. P. Satpathy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record. On being queried about the criminal antecedent of the petitioner, Mr. Sahoo volunteers to withhold bail to the petitioner, if he is found to have any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.
4. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the



offences as alleged against the petitioner vis-a-vis the accusation sought to be brought against him and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the petitioner in custody since 08.02.2025 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, this Court without expressing any view on merit admits the petitioner to bail, but subject to verification of his criminal antecedent for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

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.1,00,000 /- (Rupees One Lakh) 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.

In view of the specific submission as advanced for the petitioner, the benefit of this order shall not be extended to the petitioner, if he is found to have any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

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

(G. Satapathy)
Judge