



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 12032 of 2025

Rikun Kumar Swain and others ... Petitioners
Mr. K. Das, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ... Opposite Party
Mr. A. Pradhan, Addl. PP

**CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY**

ORDER(ORAL)
16.12.2025

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. Mr. Karunakar Das, learned counsel for the Petitioners by filing a memo prays to not press the bail application of the Petitioner No.1 Rikun Kumar Swain, who was granted liberty to renew his prayer for bail in BLAPL No. 3316 of 2025 after examination of witness-Rabi Narayan Mishra and accordingly, the bail application of the Petitioner No. 1 Rikun Kumar Swain stands disposed of as not pressed and the present bail application is only confined to the petitioner Nos. 2 and 3 namely Jitendra Swain and Rudra Gouda.
3. This is an application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioners-Jitendra Swain and Rudra Gouda for grant of bail in connection with Sheragada PS Case No.475 of 2024 corresponding to ST Case No. 40 of 2025



pending in the file of learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Aska, Dist-Ganjam for commission of offences punishable Under Sections 61(2)/ 140(1)/ 103(1)/115(2)/238/3(5) of BNS r/w Sections 3/4 of the Explosive Substance Act, on the main allegation of committing murder of Ananta Narayan Pattanaik by attacking him with lethal weapons and exploding bombs.

4. Heard, Mr. Karunakar Das, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. A. Pradhan, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record including the certified copy of deposition of PW Nos. 1 to 14.

5. Admittedly, the Petitioners have been granted liberty in BLAPL Nos. 2996 & 3735 of 2025 to renew their prayer for bail after examination of witnesses Om Shankar Gouda and Srikanta Swain, who have been examined as PW4 & 10, but they have not supported the prosecution allegation against the Petitioners. In that view of the matter 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 since 22.11.2024 with examination of material witnesses who have not substantially deposed against the Petitioners and taking into account the other circumstances on record



in entirety including the inherent right of an accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, this Court without expressing any view on merits admits the petitioner Nos. 2 and 3 namely Jitendra Swain and Rudra Gouda to bail.

6. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner Nos. 2 and 3 namely Jitendra Swain and Rudra Gouda stands allowed and they are allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) only each with two solvent sureties 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.

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

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

Priyajit