



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.11953 of 2025

Chandrakant Dhir ... ***Petitioner***

Mr. G. Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. C. Mohanty, 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 the 3rd bail application U/S.483 of the BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Khordha Industrial PS Case No.121 of 2025 arising out of TR Case No.51 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned 1st Additional Sessions Judge-Cum-Special Judge, under NDPS Act, Khordha, being charge-sheeted for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.20(b)(ii) (C)/29 of NDPS Act, on the main allegation of possessing 22Kgs 279Grams of Contraband Ganja.
3. At the outset, Mr. Gourav Mohanty, learned counsel for the petitioner apprises this Court that this is the 3rd bail application of the petitioner, but no bail application of the petitioner is pending before any other forum except this one. Heard, Mr. Gourav Mohanty, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. C. Mohanty, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and



perused the record. On being queried about the criminal antecedent of the petitioner, Mr. Mohanty volunteers to withhold bail to the petitioner, if he is found to have any criminal antecedents of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

4. Admittedly, the petitioner is in custody since 13.05.2025, but in the meantime, charge-sheet has already been submitted and the petitioner is renewing his prayer for bail on the ground of submission of charge-sheet. In such situation, there is bleak possibility of trial commencing in near future, but trial would take some time, since number of CS witnesses have to be examined in the trial. In the peculiar facts and circumstance of the case, especially when the quantity of Contraband Ganja is just above the commercial quantity and there being unlikelihood of commencement of trial in near future, the petitioner would be considered to have satisfied the conditions of Section 37 of NDPS Act, if he is not having any criminal antecedent of similar nature.

5. For the reason stated hereinabove and taking into account the custody period of the petitioner and keeping in view grant of bail to co-accused Nurjahan Begum in BLAPL No.5377 of 2025, this Court without expressing any view on merit admits the petitioner to bail, but subject to verification of his criminal antecedent for similar nature.



6. 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) 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 offences under NDPS Act.

7. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of.

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

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

Subhasmita