



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.12299 of 2025

Kushadhawaja Sahu* *Petitioner

Mr. Sidhartha Das, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Opp. Party

*Mr. Sanjay Kumar Das,
Standing Counsel (Vigilance)*

**CORAM:
JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO**

**Order No. ORDER
17.12.2025**

01. This matter is taken up through Hybrid arrangement (video conferencing/physical mode).

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

This is an application under section 483 of B.N.S.S. in connection with Vigilance G.R. Case No.12 of 2025 arising out of Sambalpur Vigilance P.S. Case No.24 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned Special Judge, Vigilance, Balangir for offences punishable under section 13(2) read with section 13(1)(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and section 409 of the Indian Penal Code.

The prayer for bail of the petitioner was rejected by the learned Special Judge, Vigilance, Balangir vide order dated 18.11.2025.



Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was the ex-Secretary of Pandamunda PACS, Balangir and he was taken into judicial custody in connection with this case on 13.11.2025 and the allegation is that he misappropriated an amount of Rs.8,34,489/- (rupees eight lakhs thirty four thousand four hundred eighty nine) and there is no chance of tampering with the evidence or there is no chance of absconding of the petitioner and the petitioner is a retired person and therefore, the bail application of the petitioner may be favourably considered.

Mr. Das, learned Standing Counsel for the Vigilance Department has produced the written instruction received from the Investigating Officer of the case, which shows that the custodial interrogation is not required in the case and the bank account of the petitioner has not been freezed and the defalcated amount has not been recovered from the petitioner. The written instruction is taken on record.

Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the respective parties, the nature of accusation against the petitioner, the age of the petitioner, the progress of investigation and the period of detention of the petitioner in judicial custody, I am inclined to release the petitioner on bail.

Let the petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (rupees fifty thousand) with two local solvent sureties



each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Court in seisin over the matter with further conditions as the learned Court may deem just and proper subject to conditions that the petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when required and shall cooperate with the investigation and shall not try to tamper with the evidence.

Violation of any terms and conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

Accordingly, the BLAPL is disposed of.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

RKM