



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 12317 of 2025

Keshab Gouda

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Petitioner(s)

Mr. Deepak Ku Sahoo, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha

.....

Opposite Party

Ms. Sarita Moharana, ASC

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

17.12.2025

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F.I.R. No.	Dated	Police Station	Case No. and Courts' Name	Sections
691	28.07.2025	Angul	C.T. (S) Case No.543 of 2025 pending in the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Angul	Sections 108/3(5) of BNS

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.



3. The Petitioner being in custody in Angul P.S. Case No. 691 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. (S) Case No.543 of 2025 pending in the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Angul, registered for the alleged commission of offences under Sections 108/3(5) Act., has filed this petition for his release on bail.
4. The allegation of the prosecution is that the deceased is the son of the informant who had married to Geetanjali Sahu. The husband and wife were residing at Jeypore for two years. The wife was always torturing her husband. Subsequently, as per the pressure made by the wife, the couple resided at some distance from the house of the informant. But the deceased was repeatedly tortured by the wife due to extramarital affairs with the present Petitioner. In the month of February, 2025, the present petitioner was transferred to the Angul office and he cunningly took the deceased and his wife with him to Angul. The deceased came to know that the illicit relationship between the petitioner and his wife was continuing, which he opposed the same activity. There was a quarrel between the deceased and his wife on 28.07.2025 night. The petitioner and the wife of the deceased misbehaved with the deceased, and due to unbearable torture on 29.07.2025 in the early morning, the deceased locked his room from inside and set himself on fire. Hence, this case.
5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner has no nexus with the alleged offences. He further contends that no



tortured was inflicted on the deceased by the Petitioner. In the meantime, charge sheet has already been submitted by the I.O. The Petitioner has been in custody since 30.07.2025. Accordingly, it is prayed that the present application for grant of bail may be favourably considered.

6. Learned counsel for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for bail, emphasizing the seriousness of the allegations.
7. Without going into the merit of the case and based on the facts and circumstances of the case, it is directed that the Petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case with some stringent terms and conditions as deemed just and proper by the learned court in *seisin* over the matter with further conditions that:-

- i. The Petitioner shall appear before the local Police Station on 1st Monday of every month between 10 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. till charge is framed;
- ii. The petitioner shall not indulge himself in any criminal offence while on bail.
- iii. The petitioner shall not tamper the evidence of the prosecution evidence in any manner.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail

8. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

(*Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi*)
Judge