



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 12547 of 2025

**Raula @ Prasanna
Mallik**

.... **Petitioner(s)**
Mr. Sukanta Kumar
Baral, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

.... **Opp. Party(s)**
Mr. S.J. Mohanty,
ASC

CORAM:

JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

Order

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ORDER

17.12.2025

1. The petitioner is an accused in connection with Tigiria P.S. Case No. 223 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No.215 of 2025 registered on the allegation of the alleged commission of offence punishable under Section 303(2)/317(2)/126(2)/132/111(2)(b)/3(5) of BNS, 2023 read with Section 11(1)(d) of Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act and Section 7 of Prevention of Cow Slaughter Act, pending in the court of the learned JMFC, Tigiria.

2. The petitioner had approached the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Athagarh in BLAPL No. 386 of 2025 praying for grant of bail. The learned Court below vide its order dated 15.11.2025 rejected the bail application of the petitioner. Being aggrieved, the petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 praying for enlargement on bail.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, on instruction from the petitioner, submits that, except the present bail application, no



other bail application of the petitioner is pending in any other Court relating to the aforesaid F.I.R.

4. The prosecution case, as per the FIR, is that on 14.10.2025 the complainant along with other police staff are on patrolling duty and got credible information regarding illegal transportation of cattle in a Bolero Maxx Pick Up vehicle from Narasinghpur side to Banki side. Accordingly the informant along with staff proceed to Baulanga Chhaka to intercept the vehicle loaded with cattle, at about 3.45 A.M. they noticed that one white colour Swift Dezire and the alleged Bolero pick up came from Narasinghpur side in a high speed. They blocked the door in order to stop the vehicle but two of the occupants of Bolero vehicle managed to escape from the clutches of Informant and others. The informant also tried to stop the Dezire car but the occupants of the said car managed to escape from the clutches of police personal with threatening to kill them by running the car over them. On verification of the said Bolero the informant found that nine numbers of cattle was loaded in that vehicle. On further inquiry the informant could ascertain that the petitioner and his associates have committed the theft of stray cattle illegally for the purpose of slaughtering.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that he has facilitated for transporting nine cattle, which was obnoxiously taken for slaughtering. The petitioner is in custody since 19.10.2025.

6. Learned counsel for the State opposed the prayer for bail.

7. Regard being had to the nature of allegation and the fact that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 19.10.2025, I am inclined to enlarge the accused-Petitioner on bail.

8. Hence, the Petitioner is directed to be released on bail by the learned Court in seisin over the matter in the aforesaid case on such terms and conditions as it would deem just and proper,



subject to the following additional conditions:

- (1) The petitioner shall appear before the Court diligently without fail, on every date of hearing;
- (2) He shall not influence any of the witnesses related to this case in any manner whatsoever; and
- (3) He shall not commit any offence while on bail.

In the event, the petitioner is found wanting for violation of any of the bail conditions imposed by this Court or the trial Court even on a single occasion, the prosecution is at liberty to move appropriate application before the Court below for cancellation of the concession of bail granted by this Court. If such application is filed, the trial Court should decide the application on its own merit.

9. The BLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge