



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
JCRLA No.45 of 2021

Laxman Sahoo

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***Appellant/
Petitioner***

*Mr. B. Barik,
Advocate
-versus-*

State of Odisha

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***Respondent/
Opp. Party***

*Mr. Sarat Kumar Pradhan,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER

30.04.2025

I.A. No.88 of 2022

Order No.

03.

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

Heard.

The petitioner has been convicted for the offence punishable under section 302 of the Indian Penal Code (hereinafter 'I.P.C.') and sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life and to pay a fine of Rs.10,000/-, in default, to undergo rigorous imprisonment for six months for the offence under section 302 of the I.P.C. by the learned Addl. Sessions Judge -cum- Special Judge, Talcher vide judgment and order dated 22.09.2021 passed in C.T.(Spl.) No.13 of 2020.

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In pursuance of the order dated 17.04.2025, learned counsel for the State has produced the written instruction received from the Superintendent of Special Sub-Jail, Talcher dated 26.04.2025 wherein it is mentioned that owing to the old-age, the petitioner is expected to loss his potential for committing further any crime. The petitioner has been shown to be aged about seventy four years in the format of the NALSA Special Campaign on Old Prisoners & Terminally III Prisoners. The written instruction is taken on record.

Considering the age of the petitioner and the nature of evidence available on record and the period of detention of the petitioner in judicial custody as well as absence of any chance of early hearing of the appeal in the near future and keeping in view the guidelines enumerated in the Special Campaign for Old Prisoners & Terminally III Prisoners issued by the National Legal Services Authority and the instruction obtained by the learned counsel for the State and after hearing the parties, we are inclined to release the petitioner on bail.

Let the petitioner be released on bail pending disposal of the appeal on furnishing bail bond of Rs.20,000/- (rupees twenty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court with such terms and conditions as the learned trial Court may deem just and proper and including the condition that he shall not indulge in any



criminal activities.

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

I.A. is disposed of accordingly.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

Rajesh