



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.13553 of 2025

Basistha Pradhan

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Petitioner

Mr. N. Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

...

Opposite Party

Mr. C. Mahanty, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY
ORDER(ORAL):23.03.2026

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is a bail application U/S.483 of the BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Baragarh Town PS Case No. 170 of 2025 corresponding to CT Spl. Case No.19 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned Sessions Judge, Bargarh for commission of offences punishable U/Ss. 20(b)(ii)(C)/25/29 of the NDPS Act, on the main allegation of jointly transporting 109 Kgs and 690 Grams of Contraband Ganja in two vehicles namely Mahindra Bolero bearing Regd. No. OR-02-BW-6253 & another Mahindra Bolero Pick up bearing Regd. No.OD-17L-3479.
3. In the course of hearing, Mr. Niranjana Panda, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that even if the materials on record are taken into consideration, the Petitioner would be only found to have transported 58 Kgs Contraband Ganja and he having detained in custody since 12.04.2025, may kindly be granted bail.



3.1. On other hand, Mr. C. Mahanty, learned Addl. PP by placing the provision of Sec. 37 of NDPS Act submits that since the Petitioner has not satisfied the conditions of Sec. 37 of NDPS Act, the bail application of the Petitioner may kindly be rejected.

4. After having considered the rival submissions upon perusal of record, there appears allegation against the Petitioner and others for possessing and transporting commercial quantity of Contraband article and accordingly, 109 Kgs and 690 Grams of Contraband Ganja, which is more than commercial quantity have been recovered and seized allegedly from the two vehicles, out of which the Petitioner being allegedly in occupation of one of the vehicles and he having not been able to satisfy the conditions of Sec. 37 of NDPS Act, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stand rejected. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. A soft copy of the order be immediately sent to the learned trial Court.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

Priyajit