



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
CRLA No.1434 of 2025

Dhaneswar Jena @ Nilu

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Appellant

Mr. S. Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & another

...

Respondents

Mr. M.R. Patra, Addl. PP

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY
ORDER(ORAL)
24.02.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This criminal appeal Under Section 14-A(2) of the Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 together with amendment Act, 2016 (in short, "the Act") in nature of bail is directed against the impugned order dated 14.11.2025 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Puri in Special G.R. Case No.161 of 2025 arising out of Baselisahi P.S. Case No.205 of 2025 refusing to grant bail to the appellant for commission of offence punishable U/Ss. 126(2)/ 115(2)/ 117(2)/ 109(1)/ 303(2)/ 75/ 76/ 296/ 351(3) of BNS r/w.Sec.3(1)(r)(s)/3(2)(v) of the Act, on the main allegation of attempting to the life of the injured namely Arati Sethi by assaulting her with wooden stick by taking advantage of her caste.
3. Heard, Mr. Sanjit Mishra, learned counsel for the appellant and Mr. M.R. Patra, learned Addl. Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.



None appears for the informant/victim despite being duly intimated as apprised by learned Addl. PP.

4. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offences as alleged against the appellant vis-à-vis the accusations sought to be brought against him and regard being had to the pretrial detention of the appellant in custody since 10.10.2025 with submission of charge sheet in the meantime and keeping in view the injury sustained by the injured which is opined to be simple in nature, this Court without expressing any opinion on merits, considers it proper to admit the appellant to bail.

5. Hence, the Criminal Appeal stands allowed and the impugned order is hereby set aside. Consequently, the appellant be released on bail on such terms and conditions as deems fit and proper by the learned Court in seisin of the case. A soft copy of this order be immediately communicated to the concerned Court, who shall afterwards communicate the same to the concerned Jail through e-mail for reference.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge