



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

Ranjeet Kumar Patra @

Ranjit and others

(In BLAPL No.12951 of 2025)

Sangram Rout

(In BLAPL No.13144 of 2025) ... Petitioners

*Mr. K. Mohanty, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.12951 of 2025)*

*Mr. S. Mishra, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.13144 of 2025)*

-versus-

State of Odisha

... Opposite Party

Mr. R.B. Mishra, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL):27.04.2026

Order No.

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1. Since these two bail applications arise out of one and same case record, the same are heard together and disposed of by this common order with the consent of the learned counsel for the parties.

2. These are bail applications U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Phiringia PS Case No.160 of 2025 corresponding to CT (N) Case No.97 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned Special Judge-Cum-Sessions Judge, Kandhamal, Phulbani, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.20((b)(ii)(C)/25/29 of NDPS Act, on the main allegation of transporting 27Kgs 200Grams of Contraband Ganja in a Honda Creta Car bearing Regd. No.OD-05-S-7667 by escorting with another Maruti Suzuki D-Zire Car bearing Regd. No.OD-33-AF-0607, along with co-accused persons.



3. Heard, Mr. Kuldeep Mohanty, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No.12951 of 2025, Mr. Sanjit Mishra, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No.13144 of 2025 and Mr. R.B. Mishra, learned Addl. PP in these matters and perused the record. On being queried about the criminal antecedents of the petitioners, Mr. Mohanty and Mr. Mishra jointly volunteer to withhold bail to the petitioners, if he/they is/are found to have any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

4. Admittedly, the petitioners are in custody since 21.07.2025, but in the meantime, charge-sheet has already been submitted and the petitioner No.1-Ranjeet Kumar Patra @ Ranjit in BLAPL No.12951 of 2025 and the petitioner-Sangram Rout in BLAPL No.13144 of 2025 are allegedly the occupants of the Creta Car, whereas rest of the petitioners are allegedly the occupants of the D-Zire Car. It is, however, claimed that no incriminating material has been recovered from the D-Zire Car as well as the petitioners are claimed to have no criminal antecedent of similar nature. In such view of the matter and taking into consideration the materials placed on record, the petitioners would be considered to have satisfied the conditions of Section 37 of NDPS Act, if they are not having any criminal antecedent of similar nature for commission of offences under NDPS Act.

5. For the reasons stated hereinabove and regard being had to the pre trial detention of the petitioners in



custody, this Court without expressing any view on merit admits each of the petitioners to bail, but subject to verification of their criminal antecedent for similar nature.

6. Hence, these two bail applications of the petitioners namely Ranjeet Kumar Patra @ Ranjit, Budhadeba Palei @ Buddhadev Palei, Om Pratap Barik and Debasis @ Debasish Pradhan (In BLAPL No.12951 of 2025) and Sangram Rout (In BLAPL No.13144 of 2025) stand allowed and the petitioners are allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) each with two solvent sureties for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Court in seisin of the case on such terms and conditions as deem fit and proper by it.

In view of the specific submission for the petitioners, the benefit of the aforesaid order shall not be extended to the concerned petitioner(s), if he/they is/are found to have criminal antecedent(s) of similar nature for commission of offence under NDPS Act.

7. Accordingly, these BLAPLs stand disposed of. Issue urgent certified copy of the order as per Rules. 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