



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.12997 of 2025

Santosh Kumar Malik @ ... **Petitioner**
Santosh Malik

Ms. B. Dash, Advocate

-versus-

State of Orissa ... **Opposite Party**

Mr. P. Satpathy, Addl. PP

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)
26.02.2026

Order No.
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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 BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Tihidi PS Case No.208 of 2025 corresponding to GR Case No.1297 of 2025 pending in the file of learned SDJM, Bhadrak, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.331(4)/309(4)/3(5) of BNS r/w Sections 25/27 of Arms Act, on the main allegation of committing theft in a private Bank namely AU Bank.
3. Heard, Ms. Bharati Dash, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. P. Satpathy, learned Addl. Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.
4. Admittedly, FIR has been lodged against four unknown culprits, but no TI parade has been conducted to identify the present petitioner, however, the present petitioner is in custody since 23.08.2025 and in the meantime, charge-sheet has already been submitted.



In such view of the matter and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offences as alleged against the petitioner vis-a-vis the accusation sought to be brought against him and taking into account the grant of bail to co-accused Prahallad Rout @ Bapun in BLAPL No.9354 of 2025 and keeping in view the other circumstances on record in entirety including the inherent right of the accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, this Court without expressing any view on merit admits the petitioner to bail.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stands allowed and the petitioner is allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) only with two solvent sureties each 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.

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. 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