

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.11510 of 2021

Laxmidhar Dash

....

Petitioner

Mr.B.R. Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opp. Party

Mr.A.Das,

Addl. Government Advocate

CORAM:

JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO

ORDER

25.02.2022

Order No.

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

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

This is an application under section 439 of Cr.P.C. in connection with T.R. Case No.256 of 2020 arising out of Khandagiri P.S. Case No.375 of 2020 pending in the Court of learned Sessions Judge, Khurda, Bhubaneswar for offence punishable under section 20(b)(ii)(C) N.D.P.S. Act.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 02.07.2020 and his earlier bail application in BLAPL No. 7091 of 2020 was rejected as per order dated 08.03.2021 and the learned trial Court was directed

to expedite the trial and if possible to conclude the same within a period of six months from the date of framing of charge and the petitioner was given liberty to renew his prayer for bail if the trial is not concluded within the aforesaid period. Learned counsel further submitted that the case is now lingering for examination of the Investigating Officer and the I.O. is not turning up in spite of repeated summons.

In view of such submission, let a status report be called for from the learned trial Court i.e. Sessions Judge, Khurda at Bhubaneswar in T.R. Case No. 256 of 2020.

For such purpose, the file be placed before the learned Registrar (Judicial) of this Court, who shall send a copy of this order to the Court concerned immediately through e-mail and status report shall be furnished through e-mail so as to reach this Court on or before 9th March 2022.

List this matter on 11th March 2022.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge