

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**

*Smt. Susamarani Sahoo,
Addl. Standing Counsel*

**CORAM:
JUSTICE S.K. SAHOO**

ORDER

22.04.2022

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03. 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. No.256 of 2020 arising out of Khandagiri P.S. Case No.375 of 2020 pending in the Court of learned Sessions Judge, Khurda at Bhubaneswar for commission of the alleged offence punishable under section 20(b)(ii)(C) of the N.D.P.S. Act.

The prayer for bail of the petitioner was rejected by the learned Sessions Judge, Khurda at Bhubaneswar vide order dated 13.12.2021.

Perused the status report dated 08.03.2022

submitted by the learned trial Court from which it appears that the Investigating Officer of the case i.e. P.W.16's examination is going on and the learned trial Court has written that it would finish the trial within a period of two months.

In that view of the matter and the stage at which the trial is now, while not inclining to release the petitioner on bail, but taking into account the period of detention of the petitioner in judicial custody, I direct the learned trial Court to conclude the trial by end of June 2022. The petitioner is at liberty to renew his prayer for bail, if the trial is not concluded within the aforesaid period.

Accordingly, the BLAPL is disposed of.

A copy of the order be communicated to the learned trial Court for compliance.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(S.K. Sahoo)
Judge