



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No.13142 of 2025

***Md. Salahuddin @
Salauddin***

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Petitioner(s)

*Mr. Souri Chandra Mohapatra, Sr. Adv.
along with associates
Mr. Sandeep Raj Panda, Adv.*

-versus-

State of Odisha

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Opposite Party(s)

Miss Gayatri Patra, ASC

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

**Order
No.**

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22.12.2025**

F.I.R. No.	Dated	Police Station	Case No. and Courts' Name	Sections
0862	06.11.2025	Keonjhar Town	G.R. Case No.1960 of 2025 corresponding to Keonjhar Town P.S. Case No.862 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M, Keonjhar	Sections 140(2) and 140(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita

01. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned
 counsel for the State.
3. The Petitioner being in custody in connection with G.R.
 Case No.1960 of 2025 corresponding to Keonjhar Town
 P.S. Case No.862 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned



S.D.J.M, Keonjhar registered for the alleged commission of offences under Sections 140(2) and 140(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, has filed this application for his release on bail.

4. The brief fact of the case is that the elder son of the informant was a wall dyer. In order to have the said work the elder son of the informant on 02.11.2025 had been to Keonjhar with his friends. He took shelter in the house of one Md. Akman. On the same night at about 12 noon the informant was informed regarding departure of his elder son to work. Accordingly, he remained silent. On 04.11.2025 at about 8.00 A.M. he received a call from his son's mobile from an unknown person. In the said conversation, the said unknown person forced the informant to give a sum of Rs.16,00,000/- (Rupees Sixteen lakh only), otherwise he will kill his son. Since the informant was a poor person, he could not arrange the above noted demanded amount. After some time, one unknown person introducing himself as Salauddin again telephoned the younger son of the informant from the mobile number 9692173575 and demanded a sum of Rs.5,50,000/- (Rupees Five lakh fifty thousand only). Despite his best efforts since the informant could not arrange the said money, he lodged an F.I.R in the Keonjhar Town Police Station. Upon lodging of the F.I.R and completion of investigation, the Petitioner was taken into



custody. The Petitioner has been languishing in custody since 14.11.2025.

5. Learned Senior Advocate Mr. Mohapatra, appearing on behalf of the Petitioner submits that the victim in his statement has himself stated that he has not abducted by the Petitioner rather they had been to a tourist place in Keonjhar district. He further contends that the informant had no knowledge about the said incident. Hence, there is no question of abduction. He, accordingly, prays for permitting the Petitioner to be released on bail.

6. Learned counsel for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for bail of the Petitioner. He further submits that such type of offences is not tolerable in a law abiding society. He, accordingly, prays for dismissal of this BLAPL.

7. Considering the submissions made on behalf of both the parties, this Court without going into the merits of the case, directs the court in *seisin* over the matter to release the present Petitioner on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing of cash security of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) along with two local solvent sureties each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the court in *seisin* over the matter with further conditions that:

- i. the Petitioner shall appear before the learned Court below on each date of posting of the case;



- ii. the Petitioner shall not indulge himself in any criminal activities in future;
- iii. the Petitioner shall not tamper the evidence of the prosecution witnesses in any manner;

Violation of any of the above conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail.

8. This BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

Ayaskanta