



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

Ranjan Mallick @ Ranjna Mallick

(In BLAPL No.13221 of 2025)

Balaram Khanduala

(In BLAPL No.13127 of 2025)

... Petitioners

*Mr. A.R. Panda, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.13221 of 2025)*

*Mr. R.R. Nayak, Advocate
(in BLAPL No.13127 of 2025)*

-versus-

State of Orissa

... Opposite Party

Mr. S.C. Pradhan, Addl. PP

**CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY**

**ORDER(ORAL)
23.02.2026**

**Order No.
02.**

1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).

2. 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 two bail applications are U/S.483 of BNSS Act by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with EI & EB Unit-I, Cuttack PR Case No.324 of 2025-26 corresponding to 2(a) CC Case No.94 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Cuttack for commission of offences punishable U/S. 21 (b) of the NDPS Act, on the allegation of jointly possessing 194Grams of Heroin, along with co-accused persons.

3. Heard, Mr. Amulya Ratna Panda, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No.13221 of 2025;



Mr. Rasmi Ranjan Nayak, learned counsel for the petitioner in BLAPL No.13127 of 2025 and Mr. S.C. Pradhan, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in these two matters and perused the record.

4. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into account the material placed on record and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the Petitioners in custody since 04.09.2025 and keeping in view the other circumstances on record in entirety including the well-recognized principle "bail is the rule, but jail is the exception" and the quantity of contraband article being for intermediate quantity, which does not attract the provision of Section 37 of NDPS Act, this Court without expressing any view on merit admits each of the Petitioners to bail.

5. Hence, the bail applications of the petitioners namely Ranjan Mallick @ Ranjna Mallick in BLAPL No.13221 of 2025 and Balaram Khandula in BLAPL No.13127 of 2025 stands allowed and the petitioners are allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) only with one solvent surety 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 Nos.13221 & 13127 of 2025 stand disposed of.

7. 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