



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.1314 of 2024

**1. Santosh Panigrahi @
Ichili @ Bulu** **Appellant/
Petitioner**
**2. Santosh Kumar Sahu @
Doctor**

Represented by Adv.-

Mr. Debashis Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha **Respondent/
Opp. Party**

Represented by Adv.-

Mr. Suvalaxmi Devi, ASC

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANASH RANJAN PATHAK

AND

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

Order No.

ORDER
25.03.2026
(Hybrid mode)

I.A. No.3605 of 2025

10. **1.** The convict-appellant-Santosh Panigrahi @ Ichili @ Bulu has moved this application for interim bail on the ground of his illness. Medical documents in support



of the averments taken have been annexed to the interim application.

2. The appellant-Santosh Panigrahi @ Ichili @ Bulu has been convicted under sections 147/148/302/120B/149 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3 and 4 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, and was sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life and to pay a fine of Rs.10,000/- (rupees ten thousand) in default, to further undergo R.I. for one year for the offence under sections 302/120B/149 of the Indian Penal Code, to undergo R.I. for six months and to pay a fine of Rs.1,000/- (rupees one thousand) in default to undergo R.I. for one months for the offence under section 147 of IPC; to undergo R.I. for six months and to pay a fine of Rs.1,000/- (rupees one thousand), in default to undergo R.I. for one month for the offence under section 148 of IPC; to undergo R.I. for ten years and to pay a fine of Rs.5,000/- (rupees five thousand), in default to suffer R.I. for six months for the offence under section 3 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 and to undergo R.I. for seven years and to pay a fine of Rs.5,000/- (rupees five thousand), in default to undergo R.I. for six months for the offence under section 4 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, as directed by the learned Sessions Judge, Ganjam, Berhampur in Sessions



Trial No. 19 of 2014.

3. Heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned counsel for the State-Respondent.

4. Vide order dated 11.03.2026, we had directed the State Counsel to obtain instructions regarding the health condition of the appellant as well as period of custody he has already undergone. Pursuant thereto, the Senior Superintendent, Circle Jail, Berhampur has placed on record a report dated 18.03.2026, *inter alia*, stating that the health condition of the appellant is assessed by the Standing Medical Board of Ganjam and declared him as terminally ill. Accordingly, his case along with other prisoners has been placed before the Secretary DLSA, Ganjam vide its letter dated 08.01.2025 for appropriate action. He has also placed the format prescribed under the NALSA Guidelines Special Campaign on Old Prisoners & Terminally Ill Prisoners. The format has been filled up by the Jail Authority and copy of the same has been placed before this Court. The format reveals that the appellant is 60% disabled after paralytic stroke and he has been declared terminally ill.

5. Since the case of the appellant as per the NALSA Guidelines is pending consideration, we feel it appropriate to allow the application for interim bail for a period of twelve weeks. Meanwhile, the authority



concerned shall consider the proposal mooted by the authority under NALSA Guidelines and appraise this Court.

6. Let the appellant-Santosh Panigrahi @ Ichili @ Bulu be released on interim bail for a period of 12 weeks in the aforesaid case on furnishing bail bond of Rs.20,000/-(rupees twenty thousand) with one local solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court subject to condition that while on interim bail the appellant-petitioner shall not indulge in any criminal activities in any manner and any other condition to be imposed by the learned trial court as deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case..

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

The I.A. is disposed of accordingly.

7. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(Manash Ranjan Pathak)
Judge

(Sibo Sankar Mishra)
Judge