



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.1466 of 2025

Jitu Bisoi @ Dalai

...

Appellant

Mr. J. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha & another

...

Respondents

Mr. M.R. Patra, Addl. PP

**CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY
ORDER(ORAL)
24.02.2026**

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This criminal appeal Under Section 14-A(2) of the Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 together with amendment Act, 2016 (in short, "the Act") in nature of bail is directed against the impugned order dated 15.11.2025 passed by the learned Addl. Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Khallikote in Special G.R. Case No.09 of 2025 arising out of Khallikote P.S. Case No.268 of 2025 refusing to grant bail to the appellant for commission of offence punishable U/S. 69 of BNS r/w. Sec. 3(2)(va) of the Act, on the main allegation of co-habiting with the victim by giving false assurance of marriage by taking advantage of her caste.
3. Heard, Mr. Jyotirmaya Sahoo, learned counsel for the appellant and Mr. M.R. Patra, learned Addl. Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the



record. None appears for the victim despite being duly informed as apprised by the learned Addl. PP.

4. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offences as alleged against the appellant vis-à-vis the accusations sought to be brought against him and regard being had to the pretrial detention of the appellant in custody since 26.05.2025 with examination of the victim in the meantime and thereby, there being little apprehension of tampering of evidence of material witness like victim and taking into account the other circumstances on record in entirety including the inherent right of an accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, this Court without expressing any opinion on merits, considers it proper to admit the appellant to bail.

5. Hence, the Criminal Appeal stands allowed and the impugned order is hereby set aside. Consequently, the appellant be released on bail on such terms and conditions as deems fit and proper by the learned Court in seisin of the case. 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