



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.13715 of 2025

Badal Pradhan & Another ... ***Petitioners***

Mr. S.K. Tripathy, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. S.C. Pradhan, Addl. PP

CORAM:
JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL)
24.02.2026

Order No.
03.

1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is an application U/S.483 of BNSS Act by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Aska Excise Station PR Case No.241 of 2025-26 corresponding to 2(a) CC Case No.30 of 2025(N) pending in the Court of learned Special Judge-cum-Addl. Sessions Judge, Aska for commission of offences punishable U/S. 20 (b) (ii) (B) of the NDPS Act, on the allegation of possessing 6Kgs and 300Grams of Contraband Ganja.
3. Heard, Mr. S.K. Tripathy, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. S.C. Pradhan, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.
4. After having considered the rival submissions and on going through the material placed on record



and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the Petitioners in custody since 07.12.2025 and taking into account 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 ganja seized in this case being for intermediate quantity, which does not attract the provision of Section 37 of NDPS Act, this Court without expressing any view on merit admit the Petitioners to bail.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioners 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 stands 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