



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.13912 of 2025

Santanu @ Santanu Kumar ... Petitioner
Padhan @ Kuna Padhan

Mr. S.P.Patra, proxy counsel on behalf of
Mr.S.K.Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ... Opposite Party
Mr. P.Satapathy, Addl. PP

CORAM:JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY
ORDER(ORAL):23.03.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).
2. This is the bail application U/S.483 of the BNSS by the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Birmaharajpur PS Case No.97 of 2024 corresponding to Sessions Case No.41/36 of 2024 pending in the Court of learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Sonapur for commission of offences punishable U/Ss. 302/201/120(B)/34 of IPC, on the main allegation of committing murder of the deceased-Sobha Bhoi.
3. Heard, Mr.Siba Prasad Patra, learned proxy counsel appearing on behalf of Mr. Saroj Kumar Mishra, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. P.Satapathy, learned Addl. Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.
4. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offence as alleged against the petitioner vis-a-vis



the accusations sought to be brought against him and regard being had to the materials placed on record including the specific allegation raised against the petitioner for committing murder of the deceased and taking into account the opinion of the Doctor as to the cause of death of the deceased in the PM report and keeping in view the other circumstances on record in entirety including alleged recovery of weapon of offence pursuant to the disclosure statement of co-accused and trial having already commenced with examination of four witnesses and last but not the least, taking into account the law laid down by Apex Court in ***X vrs. State of Rajasthan (2024) SCC Online SC 3539***, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioner stands rejected. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. A copy of this order be immediately communicated to the learned trial Court.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge