



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 1020 of 2026

*Santosh Kumar Sahoo*

..... *Petitioner(s)*

*Mr. Gopinath Mishra, Adv.*

*-Versus-*

*State of Odisha*

..... *Opposite Party(s)*

*Mr. Amitabh Pradhan, ASC*

**CORAM:**

**DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI**

**ORDER**

**30.01.2026**

**Order No.**

**I.A. No.85 of 2026**

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. This matter is not the assignment of this Bench. However, due to non-availability of the regular Bench, this matter is taken up on being mentioned by the Petitioner.
3. This application has been filed for grant of interim bail to the Petitioner.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the mother of the Petitioner having died on 29.01.2026, his presence at home during this period is necessary to take part in the obsequies ceremony. He further submits that the Petitioner being a responsible male member of the family, in his absence, the other members of the family are facing a lot of difficulties in making the arrangements



for the ceremony. He, therefore, prays for grant of interim bail to the Petitioner.

5. Taking into account the submissions made and on going through the averments taken in the application; this Court is inclined to direct that the Petitioner be released on interim bail for a period of three weeks reckoning from the date of his actual release by the learned Sessions Judge, Cuttack in S.T. Case No.311 of 2025 on such terms and conditions as deemed just and proper by the court in *seisin* over the matter with further conditions that the Petitioner shall not indulge himself in any criminal activity during the period of interim bail; and shall positively surrender before the court in *seisin* over the matter as would be so directed by the said Court on expiry of period of interim bail.
6. The I.A. is accordingly disposed of.
7. Urgent certified copy of this order be granted as per rules in course of the day.

( *Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi* )  
*Judge*