

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(ARISING OUT OF SLP (CRL.) No.2429 of 2026)**

DILLIP KUMAR BARAL

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF ODISHA

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(ARISING OUT OF SLP (CRL) No.2433 of 2026)**

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellants challenge the judgment and order dated 07.01.2026 in ABLAPL Nos.14731 of 2025 and 14733 of 2025 passed by the High Court of Orissa at Cuttack.
3. On 11.02.2026, this Court passed the following order:-

"1. The petitioners challenge the judgment and order dated 07.01.2026 in ABLAPL No. 14731/2025 titled "Dillip Kumar Baral Vs. State of Odisha" and ABLAPL No.14733/2025 titled "Soham Das vs. State of Odisha" passed by the High Court of Orissa at Cuttack.

2. Issue notice, returnable on 20.03.2026.

3. Mr. Visakha Raghuram, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the State of Odisha.

4. Let counter affidavit be filed by the State within two weeks. It shall also be stated therein as to whether the State has preferred any appeal assailing the order passed in the favour of the co-accused granting bail. Rejoinder thereto, if

any, be filed within one week thereafter.

5. In the event of arrest in connection with C.T. Case No. 03 of 2025, pending before the learned OPID Court at Sambalpur, arising out of EOW P.S. Case No. 12 of 2025 registered for the alleged offences under Sections 316(5) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the petitioner shall be released on bail by the Investigating/Arresting Officer on such terms and conditions as imposed and found to be just, fair and reasonable.

6. The petitioners shall make themselves available before the Investigating Officer on 18.02.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as they may be required.

7. Needless to add, the petitioners would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses, in any manner, till the completion of the trial."

4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and also perused the materials available on record.

5. It is not in dispute that the conditions stand fully complied with; the appellants have cooperated during the investigation; they have not threatened or intimidated any of the witnesses; or have tried to influence the investigation in any manner.

6. We have noticed the nature of crime and the manner in which it was allegedly committed.

7. We allow the present appeals by confirming the order dated 11.02.2026, passed by this Court, with a direction to the appellants to continue to cooperate during the investigation/trial and not to take any unnecessary

adjournment. Also, the appellants shall report before the Investigating Officer on every alternate Monday, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., till such time the investigation is complete in all respects.

8. If the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court feels that the investigation/trial is delayed on account of the appellant's conduct, it shall be open to the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court to take appropriate steps in accordance with the law, including cancellation of bail.

9. The impugned judgment and order dated 07.01.2026 in ABLAPL Nos.14731 of 2025 and 14733 of 2025 is set aside.

10. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
(SANJAY KAROL)

.....J.
(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)

NEW DELHI;
MARCH 20, 2026

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).2429/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 07-01-2026 in ABLAPL No. 14731/2025 passed by the High Court of Orissa at Cuttack]

DILLIP KUMAR BARAL

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF ODISHA

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION

WITH

SLP(Crl) No. 2433/2026 (II-B)

FOR ADMISSION

Date : 20-03-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

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Mr. Sreedas Kp, Adv.
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order, which is placed on the file.

3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(SOURAV PAL)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)