



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.4989 of 2026

Ganeswar Sahoo and others ... ***Petitioners***

*Mr. B.K. Dash, Sr. Advocate along
with Mr. S.R. Dash, Advocate*

-versus-

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

Mr. R.B. Mishra, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL):24.06.2026

Order No.

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1. Mr. Bijaya Kumar Dash, learned Senior Counsel enters appearance along with Mr. Smruti Ranjan Dash, learned counsel for the petitioner by filing appearance memo, which is taken on record. Further, Mr. Dash by filing a memo in Court today, which is taken on record, prays to not press the bail application of petitioner No.1-Ganeswar Sahoo. Accordingly, the prayer for bail by the petitioner No.1-Ganeswar Sahoo stands disposed of as not pressed and the present bail application is only confined to rest of the petitioners.

2. This is a bail application U/S.483 of the BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Talcher PS Case No.1282 of 2025 arising out of CT(S) Case No.55 of 2026 (GR Case No.2368 of 2025) pending in the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Talcher, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.103(1)/3(5) of BNS r/w Section 27 of Arms Act, on the main allegation of committing double murder by firing at the deceased Janardan Naik and Dibyaranjan Parida, along with co-accused person.



3. Heard, Mr. Bijaya Kumar Dash, learned Senior Counsel, who is being assisted by Mr. Smruti Ranjan Dash, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. R.B. Mishra, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.

4. After having considered the rival submissions upon perusal of record, there appears allegation against the co-accused Ganeswar Sahoo, who being the gunman and the present petitioners being the security guards for firing at the deceased persons, but the main allegation of firing at the deceased persons is directed against the gunman co-accused Ganeswar Sahoo. It is also not disputed by the learned Additional PP that the deceased persons and other 10 to 12 persons being armed with weapons had been to the stockyard of the Groma Infrastructure Ltd. to commit theft of electric tower materials. It is also found that the petitioners are in custody since 25.12.2025 and in the meantime, charge-sheet has already been submitted. The allegation against the petitioners further reveals that when the deceased and other persons had been to the premises of Groma Infrastructure Ltd., the security personnel prevented them by issuing word of caution, but the deceased persons allegedly shown some kind of force, however, the gunman Ganeswar Sahoo, whose bail application has been not pressed had allegedly fired at the deceased persons. In the aforesaid facts and situation and taking into account the pre trial detention of the petitioners in custody and considering the circumstance in which the



transaction took place and keeping in view the inherent right of the accused to be presumed innocent until proven guilty at the trial, this Court without expressing any view on merits admits the petitioners-Abhi @ Abhimanyu Sahoo, Parsuram Parida, Anandi Majhi and Krishan Majhi @ Krishna Majhi to bail.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioners-Abhi @ Abhimanyu Sahoo, Parsuram Parida, Anandi Majhi and Krishan Majhi @ Krishna Majhi stands allowed and they are allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) each 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 with following condition:-

*(i) the petitioners in the course of trial shall attend the trial Court on each date of posting without fail unless their attendance is dispensed with. **In case the Petitioners fails without sufficient cause to appear in the Court in accordance with the terms of the bail, the learned trial Court may proceed against the Petitioners for offence U/S.269 of BNS, 2023 in accordance with law.***

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. 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**