IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 584 of 2024

Smiti Sarita Mohapatra Petitioner

Mr. L.Mishra,
Advocate

-Versus -

State of Odisha(VIG.) Opposite Party

Additional Standing Counsel(VIG.)

CORAM: JUSTICE SASHIKANTA MISHRA

ORDER 31.01.2024

Order No. 01.

- 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
- 2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Addl. Standing counsel for the State.
- 3. The petitioner is apprehending arrest in connection with Bhubaneswar Vigilance P.S. Case No. 38 of 2023 pending before the learned 1st Additional District Judge, Special Judge(Vigilance), Bhubaneswar in V.G.R. Case No. 43 of 2023 for the alleged commission of offence under Sections 13(2) R/W 13(1)(b)/12 of P.C. Act.
- 4. The petitioner is the wife of the principal accused in vigilance case registered for commission of offence under Section 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(b)/12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The allegation is that her husband had amassed wealth grossly disproportionate to his known sources of income. The petitioner is said to have abetted the offence committed by her husband. In

course of hearing, Mr. Rizvi, learned Additional Standing counsel for Vigilance while opposing the prayer for bail fairly submits that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary however, she has to co-operate in the investigation which is under progress.

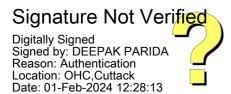
- 5. Having regard to the submissions as above and the materials on record, I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. The ABLAPL is however, disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to surrender before the court below within two weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and to move for bail. In such event, she shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the Court below may deem fit and proper to impose including the condition that she shall render full cooperation to the investigation as and when required by the I.O.
- 6. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

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7. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(Sashikanta Mishra) Judge

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