

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Cr1.) No(s). 816/2020

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 25-09-2019 in IA No. 348/2018 passed by the High Court Of Orissa At Cuttack)

SRIKRUSHNA PADHI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

REPUBLIC OF INDIA

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 13879/2020 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 08-04-2020 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK BHUSHAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. RAVINDRA BHAT

For Parties Mr. Neeraj Shekhar, AOR
Mr. Vikramjit Banerjee, ASG
Mr. Animesh Kumar, Adv.
Mr. Mukul Singh, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

The Court is convened through video conferencing.

We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned ASG for the respondent.

The High Court has already granted bail to the petitioner with a condition to deposit certain amount. An application was filed by the petitioner for modification of condition which has been disposed of by the impugned judgment dated 25.09.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is unable to comply with the conditions since his entire property

has been attached by the Enforcement Directorate. He has referred to an affidavit of the brother of the petitioner which is at page No. 62 of the paper book.

It is submitted that the petitioner has already been in custody for about seven years and the maximum sentence is ten years. We are of the view that the petitioner has made out a case for release on bail without insisting on the condition for depositing the amount as contained in the order of the High Court, let the petitioner be released on bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the other conditions (except condition No.2) as contained in the order of the High Court dated 23.03.2017 shall be applicable and be complied with. Condition No.2, as contained in the order dated 23.03.2017, and modified by the impugned judgment is set aside.

The special leave petition stands disposed of.

(MEENAKSHI KOHLI)
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(ANITA RANI AHUJA)
COURT MASTER