



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.6373 of 2026

Rukmani Pani and another

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Petitioners

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. Jajati Keshari Khuntia

-versus-

State of Odisha

.....

Opposite Party

Represented by Adv. –

Mr. Sachidananda Nayak, ASC

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER

17.06.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through virtual mode.
 2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners as well as learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing for the State-Opposite Party. Perused the Anticipatory Bail Application as well as the F.I.R.
 3. The present application has been filed under Section 482 of B.N.S.S., 2023 by the Petitioners seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Singla P.S. Case No.181 of 2026, corresponding to C.T. Case No.709 of 2026, pending in the court of learned J.M.F.C., Basta, registered for alleged commission of offences punishable under Sections 85/89/115(2)/296/351(2)/3(5) of the B.N.S., 2023 read with Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act,



1961.

4. It is stated by the learned counsel for the Petitioners that the Petitioners are the in-laws of the Informant-Victim. He further contended that the principal allegation is against the husband of the Informant, who is not the Petitioner in the present bail application. Learned counsel for the Petitioners further submitted that the Petitioners belong to the locality, therefore, there is no chance of their absconding. On such grounds, learned counsel for the Petitioners submitted that the Petitioners be released on pre-arrest bail on any stringent terms and conditions.

5. Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, objected to the release of the Petitioners on pre-arrest bail on the ground of gravity and seriousness of the allegation and that their release on pre-arrest bail would cause adverse impact on the investigation.

6. At this stage, learned counsel for the Petitioners submitted that the Petitioners do not want to press this application and seek liberty to surrender before the court below and move an application for bail.

7. Taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the allegation and on the request of the learned counsel for the Petitioners, the Petitioners are permitted to surrender before the court in seisin over the matter within a period of four weeks from today and move an application for bail. In such eventuality, the court in seisin over the matter shall release the Petitioners on bail on such terms and conditions as it may deem just and proper in the



facts and circumstances of the case, but subject to verification of criminal antecedent of the Petitioners.

8. Accordingly, the ABLAPL is disposed of.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted on proper application.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Vacation Judge

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