



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.7641 of 2026

Prasanta Kumar Routray @ **Petitioner**
Sudhanshu @ Galu

Mr. K. Pradhan, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**

Mr. M.K. Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

14.07.2026

**Order
No.**

01. 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and State.
2. Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioner seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Tangi P.S. Case No.279 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.329 of 2026 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Tangi on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. Recorded the submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties. The allegation in the FIR is regarding illegal cutting of laterite stone in the mines area by the petitioner and others using power tiller. Mr. Pradhan, learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has been falsely entangled. From the FIR, this Court finds that the power tiller used by the accused persons was seized by the police. The FIR is drawn by the ASI of the concerned PS alleging therein about the illegal activities by the accused persons. The name of the petitioner has mentioned in the FIR but the submission of Mr. Pradhan,



learned counsel is that he is falsely implicated since having criminal antecedents with two other cases registered against him. Recorded the objection of the State. The cost of the stones cut and removed is not revealed in the FIR. The only allegation is about used of a power tiller by the petitioner to cut the stone. Considering the above facts and submissions of learned counsel for both the sides, this Court, though not in favour of entertained the bail plea, is inclined to direct the petitioner to surrender before the learned court below for being released with suitable conditions imposed.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. It is further directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders before the learned J.M.F.C., Tangi in connection with G.R. Case No.329 of 2026 corresponding to Tangi P.S. Case No.279 of 2026 within a fortnight from today, he shall be released on bail on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.30,000/-(rupees thirty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount with such other conditions besides to furnish an undertaking by not to be a part of any such nefarious activities in the future and while on bail.

6. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

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(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge