



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 8001 of 2026

***Ashok Mishra @ Ashok
Kumar Mishra***

Petitioner

Mr. J.K. Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

Opposite Party

Mr. S.K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

22.07.2026

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- 01.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
2. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Special (NDPS) Case No. 48 of 2020 pending on the file of learned Addl. Sessions Judge - cum-Special Judge, Kantamal, arising out of Manamunda P.S. Case No.163 of 2020 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 20(A)(i) of the NDPS Act.
3. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.
4. Taking into account the nature of allegations and the cultivation of cannabis on Government land and in view of the earlier rejection order of this Court dated 27.07.2021 in ABLAPL No.8690 of 2021, since there is no change in circumstance, this Court is not



inclined to entertain the application for pre-arrest bail. However, in the event the Petitioner surrenders before the learned Court in seisin in the aforesaid case and moves an application for his release on bail, the same shall be considered on its own merit.

Ground of Parity, if any, may be considered by the learned court (s) below.

5. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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