



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No. 8895 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010558272026

Bandhan Digal

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Petitioner

Mr. S.G. Das, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. A.K. Pati, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

08.09.2026

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- 03.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
2. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with C.T. Case No.354 of 2023 pending on the file of the learned S.D.J.M., Phulbani arising out of Phiringia P.S. Case No.92 of 2023, for commission of offences punishable under sections 110/ 171/ 457/ 395 of IPC read with Section 25/27 of Arms Act.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that some of the co-accused persons who faced trial have since been acquitted. Hence, on the said ground, the Petitioner may be protected by pre-arrest bail.
4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.
5. Considering the nature of allegations and that the investigation has been kept open, this Court is not inclined to entertain the ABLAPL. However, it is



directed that the Petitioner may surrender before the learned S.D.J.M., Phulbani in connection with the aforementioned case within one month from today.

In the event of his surrender and motion for bail, the same be considered by the learned S.D.J.M., Phulbani on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned S.D.J.M., Phulbani, the Petitioner is at liberty to move the higher forum for bail in the second hour on the same day.

6. On being so moved, the higher forum is requested to make an endeavor to dispose of the bail application of the Petitioner on the same day.

The case diary be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioner and learned S.D.J.M., Phulbani is called upon to transmit the case record to the higher forum at the earliest in the event of rejection of such bail application.

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

7. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of. U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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