



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.9835 of 2026

CNR No. ODHCO10635452026

Arun Barik

....

Petitioner

Mr. G.C. Rout, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. S.K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

28.08.2026

Order No.

- 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 G.R. Case No.72 of 2026 pending on the file of learned JMFC (iii) Cuttack, arising out of Coudwar P.S. Case No.357 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Section 109(1)/ 115(2)/ 117(2)/ 126(2)/ 324(2) of BNS.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that exaggerated allegations have been made. Hence, he may be protected by pre-arrest bail.
4. Learned counsel for the State opposes such prayer referring to the statement of the complainant and criminal proclivity of the Petitioner which runs thus:



"1- Choudwar PS case No-525 of 2025 U/s 85/115(2)/3(5) BNS R/s 04 DP Act.

2- Choudwar PS case No-07 of 2026 U/s- 324(4)/115(2) BNS

3- Choudwar PS case No-243 of 2026 U/s- 309(6) BNS."

5. Taking into account the nature of allegations and criminal antecedent, this Court is not inclined to entertain the application for pre-arrest bail. However, it is directed that the Petitioner may surrender before the learned JMFC(iii), Cuttack 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 JMFC(iii), Cuttack on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned JMFC(iii), Cuttack, 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 endeavour to dispose of the bail application of the Petitioner on the same day on merit in accordance with law. `

The case diary shall be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail



application of the Petitioner and learned JMFC(iii), Cuttack 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. The forums below are requested to verify the nature of injury.

If it comes to fore that the injury suffered by the injured is grievous, this order shall not be given effect to.

7. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of. U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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