IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 13484 of 2025

1. Krushna Pradhan …. ***Petitioners***
2. Birendra Pradhan
3. Sunil Naik
4. Batakrushna Naik
5. Gobinda Pradhan
6. Sukanta Praidhan
7. Balaram Naik
8. Mithun Pradhan

Mr. R.N. Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha …. ***Opposite Party***

Mr. S. Pangrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

01.12.2025

Order No.

01. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsel for the State.

2. The Petitioners are seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.159 of 2025 pending on the file of learned S.D.J.M., Banki, arising out of Banki P.S. Case No.120 of 2025 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 191(2)/ 191(3)/ 115(2)/ 296/ 351(2)/ 125/ 326(g)/ 74/ 324(5)/ 303(2)/ 190 of BNS and Section 25/27 of Arms Act.

3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the Petitioners in this case had moved this Court as

Petitioner No.3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 2, 13, 10 respectively in ABLAPL No.5905 of 2025. And, this Court by order dated 28.07.2025 directed them to surrender and be released on bail, subject to verification of criminal antecedent.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioners that inadvertently it could not be brought to the notice of this Court that the Petitioners have one criminal antecedent. Hence, this application.

It is further submitted that non-mentioning of the antecedent is bonafide. Hence, Petitioners may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.

6. Taking into account the nature of allegation and the submissions made, this Court directs that on surrendering within three weeks hence and moving for bail, the Petitioners shall be released on bail by the learned Court in seisin on such terms as deemed just and proper subject to verification of not more than one criminal antecedent of any nature.

7. If it comes to the fore that the Petitioners have more than one criminal antecedent of any nature, this order shall not be given effect to.

8. It is needless to state that the Petitioners shall cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

9. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

10. U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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