IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 362 of 2026

Saiba @ Pramod Barik @ Pramod Kumar Barik …. **Petitioner**

Mr. A. Mohanty, Advocate

-Versus-

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

Mr. M.K. Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
20.01.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.

2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed seeking pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with G.R. Case No.1271 of 2024 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Ghatagaon arising out of Ghatagaon P.S. Case No.278 of 2024 on the grounds stated.

3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. The case diary and statements of witnesses recorded under Section 180 BNSS have been produced by learned counsel for the State and the same are gone through. The victim's statement recorded during investigation reveals that she was subjected to abuse and her modesty was outraged by the petitioner. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that during the alleged incident, the petitioner is said to have committed the excess without any intention to outrage the modesty of the informant. The case diary reveals that the alleged incident took place in presence of the Supervisor on duty named by the informant in her statement

under Section 180 BNSS. It is informed to the Court that the petitioner does not have any other antecedent of similar nature. Recording the objection of the State and considering the materials on record, this Court is not inclined to grant him pre-arrest bail, however, is of the view that he should be directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released on bail with suitable conditions imposed.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. In the event, the petitioner surrenders before the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Ghatagaon within fortnight from today, it is directed that he shall be released on bail in connection with G.R. Case No.1271 of 2024 corresponding to Ghatagaon P.S. Case No.278 of 2024 upon furnishing a bail bond of Rs.30,000/- (rupees thirty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount with such other conditions imposed by the Court concerned as deemed just and proper and in the facts and circumstances of the case besides the following, such as, he shall attend the PS once in a fortnight for the purpose of investigation and not to cause any harm to the informant and commit any similar mischief after his release.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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