IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 8928 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010561982026

V. Vasaba Rao .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. S.K. Lenka, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S.C. Pradhan, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

28.10.2026

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05. 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.849 of 2025 pending on the file of the learned J.M.F.C.(Cog Taking-III), Cuttack, arising out of Bidanasi P.S. Case No.266 of 2025, for commission of offences punishable under section 318(4)/318(2)/316(2)/61 of B.N.S., 2023.

3. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that business transaction inter se between the parties is being given the colour of criminality and the Petitioner is cited as an accused.

4. It is further submitted that Petitioner had joined the investigation and also taking into account his age, he being a retired Government servant, it

is stated that he may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

5. The instruction received by the learned counsel for the State regarding appearance of the Petitioner and his cooperation is taken on record.

6. While not refuting that the Petitioner has been cooperating with the investigation, it is submitted by the learned counsel for the State that admittedly the Petitioner has similar allegations in number of cases. Hence, he ought not to be protected by pre-arrest bail.

7. Taking into account the nature of allegations and age of the Petitioner, it is directed that on surrendering within three weeks hence and moving for bail, the Petitioner shall be released on bail by the learned Court in seisin on such terms as deemed just and proper.

8. Additionally, it is directed that the Petitioner shall appear before the jurisdictional police station once a month on a Sunday for the next three months. Certification of such appearance shall be submitted to the learned Court in seisin and shall cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

9. This Court has no iota of doubt that the Petitioner shall not be unnecessarily detained on his

appearance, considering that he is aged about 65 years.

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

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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