IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.11917 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010785802026

Pitmal Palaka **.....** ***Petitioner***

Represented by Adv. -
Pratap Kumar Nayak

-versus-

STATE OF ODISHA **.....** ***Opposite Party***

Represented by Adv.
– U.R. Jena, AGA

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR MOHAPATRA

ORDER
23.10.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual /Physical Mode).

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned Additional Government Advocate for the State. Perused the Anticipatory Bail Application as well as the F.I.R.

3. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.322 of 2026 pending on the file of learned Civil Judge (Junior Division)-cum-J.M.F.C, Muniguda, arising out of Ambadola P.S. Case No.181 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 303(2)/ 327(1)/ 3(5) of BNS.

4. It is submitted by learned counsel for the Petitioner that taking into account the nature of allegations, the Petitioner may be protected by prearrest bail.

5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail inter alia, on the ground that taking into account the nature of allegations, the punishment prescribed and the injury.

6. It is also brought to the notice of this Court, that the Petitioner has two criminal antecedents. The learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that because of the criminal antecedents, the Petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case at hand and so far as the accusation in the present case is concerned, it is based on the co-accused statement.

7. Considering the rival submission, 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 subject to verification not more than two criminal antecedents of any nature.

8. If it comes to fore that the Petitioner has more than two criminal antecedents of any nature, this order shall not be given effect to.

9. It is further directed that the bail granted to the Petitioner shall be subject to depositing a cash security of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand) before the learned Court in seisin over the matter, which shall be kept in any Nationalized bank in interest bearing account initially for a period of one year which will be renewable from time to time till conclusion of trial and the same shall be abide by the final outcome of the trial of the case.

10. Additionally, it is directed that the Petitioner shall appear before the jurisdictional Police Station once every Sunday, on such date and time to be fixed by the learned Court in seisin, till submission of final form. Certification of such appearance shall be submitted to the learned Court in seisin.

11. It is needless to state that the Petitioner shall cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

12. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

Urgent certified copy of this order be granted as per rules.

(A.K. Mohapatra)
Vacation Judge

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