IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.12210 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010805982026

Sarat Chandra Bal @ Suli .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. A.S. Biswal, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER
31.10.2026

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02. 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.(G.N.) Case No.42 of 2025 pending on the file of learned Nayadikari Gram Nayalaya, Ghasipura, Keonjhar arising out of Ghasipura P.S. Case No.51 of 2025 for commission of offences punishable under Section 191(2)/ 296/ 115(2)/ 109(1)/ 118(2)/ 190/ 351(3) of BNS, 2023.

3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that since all other co-accused have since been enlarged on bail. Hence, he may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes such prayer and submits that taking into account the criminal proclivity of the Petitioner as well as the statement of the injured who suffered grievous injury, this Court had rejected the motion for pre-arrest bail on earlier two occasions since the present application does not merit consideration as there is no change in circumstance.

5. Taking into account the nature of allegations, this Court is not inclined to entertain the application for pre-arrest bail. However, it is directed that the Petitioners may surrender before the learned Nayadikari Gram Nayalaya, Ghasipura, Keonjhar in connection with the aforementioned case within one month from today.

In the event of their surrender and motion for bail, the same be considered by the learned Nayadikari Gram Nayalaya, Ghasipura, Keonjhar on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned Nayadikari Gram Nayalaya, Ghasipura, Keonjhar, the Petitioners are at liberty to move the higher forum for bail in the second hour on the same day.

On being so moved, the higher forum is requested to make an endeavour to dispose of the

bail application of the Petitioners on the same day on merit in accordance with law.

6. The case diary shall be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioners and learned Nayadikari Gram Nayalaya, Ghasipura, Keonjhar 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.

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

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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