IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 11980 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010808022026

Timan Bag @ Dula Bag .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. S.O. Mahakhud, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. A.K. Pati, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

29.10.2026

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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. Case No.1050 of 2026 pending on the file of learned S.D.J.M., Patnagarh, arising out of Belpada P.S. Case No.254 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Section 25 of the Inter-State Migrant Workman (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service) Act, 1978 r/w Section 143/ 146/ 318(2)/ 3(5) of BNS.

3. The allegation against the present Petitioner is of violation of provisions of 25 of the Inter-State Migrant Workman (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service) Act, 1978.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that since all the persons have been rescued and no one has suffered any injury, Petitioner may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

5. Learned counsel or the State opposes such prayer and also brings to the notice of this Court that the Petitioner has been cited as an accused in one Belpada P.S. Case No.229 of 2026.

6. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the Petitioner has the licence under the Act in question during the period when alleged offence is stated to have been committed and reliance in this regard is placed on Annexure-3, which indicates that the licence was renewed on 09.10.2025 and valid till 31.12.2026.

7. Considering the rival submission, this Court directs 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 Petitioner shall appear before the jurisdictional police station once every Sunday on such time to be fixed by the learned Court in seisin till submission of final form. Certification of such appearance shall be submitted to the Court in seisin.

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

10. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

11. U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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