IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.12346 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010810242026

Reheman @ Raheman Mahammad …. ***Petitioner***

Mr. A.K. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S.C. Pradhan, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

29.10.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with C.T. Case No.322 of 2026 pending on the file of learned JMFC, Sinapali, arising out of Sinapali P.S. Case No.333 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 25 of the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment And Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 r/w Sections 318(2)/ 143(3) of BNS.

3. It is submitted by learned counsel for the Petitioner that since the alleged migrant labourers were rescued within the state and none of them have suffered any injury, the Petitioner may be protected by pre-arrest bail considering the role ascribed to him.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.

5. During the course of hearing, it came to fore that the Petitioner is cited as an accused in another case of similar nature.

6. Considering the nature of allegations and his criminal antecedents, this Court is not inclined to entertain this ABLAPL for pre-arrest bail.

However, it is directed that the Petitioner may surrender before the learned JMFC, Sinapali, in connection with the aforementioned case within one month from today.

In the event of his surrender and motion for bail, the same be considered by the learned JMFC, Sinapali, on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned JMFC, Sinapali, the Petitioner is at liberty to move the higher forum for bail in the second hour on the same day.

7. On being so moved, the higher forum is requested to make an endeavor to dispose of the bail application of the Petitioner on the same day.

The case diary shall be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioner and learned JMFC, Sinapali, 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.

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

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

Mili

Signature Not Verified
Digitally Signed
Signed by: MILI MAHARANA
Reason: Authentication
Location: High Court of Orissa, Cuttack
Date: 30-Oct-2026 18:07:29