IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.12287 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010825612026

1. Padma Lochan Jena .... ***Petitioners***
2. Rudra Jena @ Rudra Narayan Jena @ Bablu

Mr. A. R. Panda, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S. Panda, ASC
Ms. M. Nanda, Advocate
(Informant)

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER
28.10.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Ms. Mousumi Nanda, learned counsel submits that she has entered appearance on behalf of the informant by filing Vakalatnama. Registry is requested to verify the same and reflect the name of Ms. Nanda, learned counsel in the cause list, brief as well as web portal of this Court.

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsel for the State as well as informant.

3. The Petitioners are seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with C.T. Case No.1234 of 2026 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C., Basta, arising out of Basta

P.S. Case No.494 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 332(b), 333, 296, 109(1), 115(2), 118(2), 351(3) and 3(5) of BNS 2023.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel that exaggerated allegations have been made. Hence, the Petitioners may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

5. Learned counsel for the State as well as informant oppose the prayer for pre-arrest bail.

6. Learned counsel for the informant submits that though the victim has suffered injury which is categorized as simple in nature, she was hospitalized for more than 15 days and it is also stated that the Petitioners have criminal proclivity. Hence, no leniency ought to be shown to the Petitioners.

7. Considering the rival submissions, 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 J.M.F.C., Basta 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 J.M.F.C., Basta on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned J.M.F.C., Basta, the Petitioners are at liberty to move the higher forum for bail in the second hour on the same day.

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

The case diary shall be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioners and learned J.M.F.C., Basta 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. The forums below are requested to verify the nature of the injury.

If it comes to the fore that the injured has suffered any grievous injury, this order shall not be given effect to.

9. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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