IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 12439 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010829872026

1. Bhalua @ Biswajit Mangaraj
2. Bilua @ Lagnajit Mangaraj
3. Ananta Mangaraj .... ***Petitioners***

Mr. A.S. Paul, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S.K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER
04.11.2026

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02. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsel for the State.

2. The Petitioners are seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.678 of 2025 pending on the file of learned S.D.J.M., Khordha, arising out of Industrial Estate P.S. Case No.174 of 2025 for commission of offences punishable under Section 115(2)/118(2)/126(2)/296/3(5)/351(3)/74 of BNS.

3. It is submitted that the Petitioners were before this Court in ABLAPL No.7694 of 2026 being Petitioner Nos.3,4 and 6 respectively, which was disposed of by order dated 15.07.2026 directing them to surrender and release on bail and the said order

was modified by order dated 18.08.2026 in I.A. No.1485 of 2026, wherein this Court was not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to Petitioner Nos.1 and 3 (Petitioner Nos.3 and 6 therein) giving them liberty to surrender and seek bail and application for pre-arrest bail in respect of Petitioner No.2 (Petitioner No.4 therein) was disposed of as withdrawn.

4. At the outset, learned counsel for the Petitioners does not want to press the anticipatory bail application in respect of Petitioner No.1 and 2.

5. Accordingly, the ABLAPL in respect of Petitioner Nos.1 and 2 stands disposed of as not pressed.

6. So far as Petitioners No.3 is concerned, it is submitted by the learned counsel that taking into account the role ascribed to Petitioner No.3 of threatening and since no overt act having been attributed to him, he may be released on pre-arrest bail.

7. Learned counsel for the State opposes such prayer in view of the accusation under Section 3(5) of the BNS.

8. Considering the nature of allegation, it is directed that on surrendering within three weeks hence and moving for bail, the Petitioner No.3 shall be released on bail by the learned Court in seisin on

such terms as deemed just and proper subject to verification of criminal antecedent of similar nature.

9. If it comes to the fore that the Petitioner No.3 has any such criminal antecedent, this order shall not be given effect to.

10. It is needless to state that the Petitioner No.3 shall cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

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

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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