IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 12751 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010857882026

Pravat Kumar Mohanty .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. B. Behera, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S. Panda, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

11.11.2026

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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 G.R. Case No.1517 of 2026 pending on the file of learned S.D.J.M., Keonjhar, arising out of Keonjhar Town P.S. Case No.866 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Section 126(2)/115(2)/3(5) of BNS.

3. It is apt to note that during the course of hearing, learned counsel for the State, on instruction, submits that now the investigation is continuing under Section 309(6) of BNS in addition to the offences under which the FIR has been instituted.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the Petitioner, who is a student, is the first offender and the basis of implication is on account of the co-accused statement. Hence, the Petitioner may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

5. Learned counsel for the State submits that the co-accused statement is not the only basis of implication and in this context, he refers to the statement on record of the friend of the injured.

6. Considering the nature of allegation and the materials on record, it is directed 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.

7. Before releasing, learned Court in seisin is requested to verify the criminal antecedent of the Petitioner and also as to whether the Petitioner is prosecuting his studies in any educational institution as being claimed, since the name of the institution is conspicuous by its absence.

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

9. If it comes to the fore that the Petitioner has any criminal antecedent and the submission regarding his perusing studies is found to be incorrect, this order shall not be given effect to and the same shall be

intimated to this Court through the Registry and this matter will be listed under the heading disposed of case.

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

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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