IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 12872 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010865092026

Mukesh Kumar Sahoo @ Muka Sahoo .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. A. R. Panda, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

12.11.2026

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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 C.T. Case No.1661 of 2026 pending on the file of learned S.D.J.M, Jajpur, arising out of Binjharpur P.S. Case No.352 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 296/ 115(2)/ 118(1)/ 109/ 3(5) of BNS.

3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that Petitioner being Petitioner No.1 was before this Court in ABLAPL No.9010 of 2026, which was disposed of along with ABLAPL No.8936 of 2026 by order dated 05.08.2026 directing the Petitioners therein to surrender and release on bail subject to verification of injury not being grievous and criminal antecedents.

4. It is further submitted that though the injuries are found to be simple, it would not be brought to the notice of this Court that the present Petitioner is involved in the following cases;

i. Binjharpur P.S. Case No.40 of 2026 U/s. 126(2), 115(2), 117(2), 351(3), 296 and 3(5) of BNS
ii. Binharpur P.S. Case No.65 of 2024 U/s. 294, 323, 324, 341 of IPC

5. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that inadvertently the antecedents could not be placed before this Court. Hence, that ought not to be held against the Petitioner.

6. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail, inter alia, on the ground that the Petitioner chose to withhold the relevant information from the scrutiny of this Court.

7. Considering the rival submission and taking into account the nature of antecedents, 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 on every Sunday starting from 15.11.2026 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. U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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