**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**ABLAPL No.12838 of 2026**

**CNR No. ODHC010873422026**

***Pintu Gouda @ Padmalochan Gouda*** .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. S.K. Dash, Advocate

*-versus-*

1. ***State of Odisha*** .... ***Opposite Parties***
2. ***Baijayanti Sethi***

Mr. C.R. Swain, AGA

**CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH**

**ORDER**
**12.11.2026**

**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 Special Case No.152 of 2026 (SC & ST) pending on the file of learned District and Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Ganjam at Berhampur, arising out of Jarada P.S. Case No.331 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 296(b)/ 118(2)/ 3(5)/ 351(3) of B.N.S., 2023 read with Section 3(1)(r)/3(1)(s)/3(2)(va) of SC & ST (PoA) Act.

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

4. Taking into account the nature of allegations, in the light of the order passed by this Court in the case of ***Pramod Kumar Ray and others Vrs. State of***

***Odisha*, *(2017) 67 OCR 309***, this ABLAPL is disposed of with the following directions.

The Petitioner shall surrender before the learned Court in seisin in the aforesaid case within three weeks from today. Seven days before the surrender of the Petitioner before the said Court, the Petitioner or his counsel shall serve a copy of the bail application or such number of copies of the bail application on the learned Public Prosecutor/Special Public Prosecutor, as required by him, for the purpose of notice to the Victim and/or Informant.

5. Taking into consideration the nature of the offence as alleged against the Petitioner, it is directed that the Petitioner shall be released on **interim bail** by the learned Court in seisin, on the same day he surrenders in the aforesaid case, pending disposal of the bail application on merit, on such terms and conditions as deemed just and proper including the following conditions:-

I) The Petitioner shall appear before the I.O. once in a week on the date and time fixed by the said I.O. until further order by the learned Court in seisin;

II) The Petitioner shall not threaten, induce or coerce any witnesses of this case or the Victim; and

III) The Petitioner shall not involve himself in similar or any other offence during currency of this order.

6. Within two weeks of appearance of the Victim and/or Informant, the matter shall be considered and disposed of on its own merits.

7. Learned Court in seisin is requested to verify the injury report.

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

8. The ABLAPL accordingly stands disposed of.

***(V. NARASINGH)***
***Judge***

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