IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.12864 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010876582026

Ashok Mallick .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. P. K. Das, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S. Panda, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER
12.11.2026

Order No.

01. 1. At the outset, it is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that inadvertently the year of GR Case Number so far as the antecedent is concerned has been wrongly mentioned "2026" instead of "2024". Memo to the said effect is taken on record.

Accordingly, year of GR Case Number be treated as "2024" instead of "2026".

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

3. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.2062 of 2026, pending on the file of learned S.D.J.M., Bhadrak arising out Bhadrak Rural P.S. Case No.560 of 2026

for commission of offences punishable under Sections 3(5)/324(5)/331(4)/351(2) of BNS, 2023.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the Petitioner was before this Court in ABLAPL No.10186 of 2026 which was disposed of vide order dated 08.09.2026 directing the Petitioner to be released on bail on surrendering subject to verification of criminal antecedent of similar nature.

5. It is stated that though the criminal antecedent is not of similar nature yet the Petitioner is apprehending that misinterpreting the order of this Court, the Petitioner may be remanded to custody since he is cited as an accused in Bhadrak Rural P.S. Case No.319/2024 corresponding to G.R. Case No.1318/2024 for the offences punishable under Section 137(2) of BNS, 2023. Hence, this application.

6. Considering the rival submissions, 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 subject to verification of criminal antecedent of any nature other than the case noted hereinabove.

7. If it comes to the fore that the Petitioner has any criminal antecedent other than the case noted hereinabove, this order shall not be given effect to.

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

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

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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