IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.12971 of 2026
CNR No.ODHC010876792026

Sourav Mohanty @ Krish .... ***Petitioner***

Ms. S. Dash, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. C.R. Swain, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

13.11.2026

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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.297 of 2026 pending on the file of learned Special Court SC & ST (PA), Cuttack, arising out of Sadar, Cuttack P.S. Case No.775 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 115(2)/ 296/ 3(5)/ 303(2)/ 351(2) of BNS r/w Sections 3(1)(r)/ 3(1)(s)/ 3(2)(va) of the SC & ST (PoA) Act and Section 25 of the Arms Act.

3. It is submitted that, prima facie, the allegation under Section 25 of the Arms Act do not relate to the Petitioner and he has no criminal antecedents. Hence, he may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

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

5. Considering the rival submissions, it is directed that 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.

6. Taking into consideration the nature of the offence as alleged against the Petitioner, it is directed that he shall be released on **interim bail** by the learned Court in seisin, on the same day his surrender 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.

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

8. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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