IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.13237 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010888232026

Ganesh Dalei …. ***Petitioner***

Mr. S.J. Rout, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S.C. Pradhan, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

25.11.2026

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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.998 of 2026 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C, Cog -1 (Puri), in the District of Puri, arising out of Sea Beach P.S. Case No.307 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 126(2), 115(2), 296, 303(2) of BNS.

3. This is the second journey of the Petitioner to this Court. Earlier the bail application of the Petitioner was disposed of by order dated 14.10.2026 in ABLAPL No.11688 of 2026, wherein the Petitioner was directed that on surrendering release on bail subject to verification of criminal

antecedent on account of the statement made that the Petitioner does not have any criminal proclivity.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that inadvertently it could not be brought to the notice of this Court that the Petitioner is cited as accused in Singhadwar P.S. Case No.35 of 2026, under Sections 281 of BNS read with Section 185 of M.V. Act.

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

6. Considering the nature of allegations, 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 other than criminal antecedent as noted hereinabove.

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

8. It is apt to note here that the Petitioner has been acquitted in Kumbharapada P.S. Case No.281 of 2025, under Section 296/115(a)/351(2)/3(5) of BNS. Hence, the same shall not be treated as an criminal antecedent.

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

10. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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