IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.13226 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010898582026

Chatu Pal @ Laxmikanta Pala @ Pal … ***Petitioner***

Mr. A. Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

25.11.2026

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 G.R. Case No.513 of 2026 pending on the file of learned JMFC(O), Bhubaneswar arising out of Balipatna P.S. case. No.94 of 2026, for commission of offences punishable under Sections 296/115(2)/126(2)/351(2)/3(5) of BNS.

3. Admittedly, this is the third journey of the Petitioner to this Court.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the present Petitioner was before this Court in ABLAPL No.6067 of 2026 and vide order dated 12.06.2026 his anticipatory bail application was not entertained, inter

alia, taking note of the fact that the offences are bailable in nature.

5. It is also stated that vide order dated 31.08.2026 in ABLAPL No.8442 of 2026, this Court was not inclined to entertain his application taking into account that the injured has suffered grievous injury and while rejecting the prayer of the Petitioner, this Court was not apprised that the co-accused was enlarged on bail.

6. In the meanwhile, the co-accused has since been enlarged on bail, who has stated to be in a greater complicity. Hence, this application.

7. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail referring to the order dated 31.08.2026 adverted to hereinabove.

8. Considering the same, this Court is not inclined to entertain the application for pre-arrest bail. However, the Petitioner may surrender before the learned JMFC(O), Bhubaneswar in connection with the aforementioned case within one month from today.

In the event of his surrender and motion for bail, the same be considered by the learned JMFC(O), Bhubaneswar on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned JMFC(O), Bhubaneswar, the Petitioner is at liberty to move the higher forum for bail in the second hour on the same day.

9. On being so moved, the higher forum is requested to make an endeavor to dispose of the bail application of the Petitioner on the same day.

The case diary shall be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioner and learned JMFC(O), Bhubaneswar is called upon to transmit the case record to the higher forum at the earliest in the event of rejection of such bail application.

Ground of parity, if any, may be considered by the learned court(s) below. The forums below are requested to verify the criminal antecedents of the Petitioner.

If it comes to the fore that the Petitioner has any criminal antecedents, this order shall not be given effect to.

10. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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