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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)
(ITANAGAR BENCH)

Case No. : AB/3/2026

Lokap Yangfo

Son of Late Taro Yangfo, presently posted as Assistant engineer at Nafra PWD Sub Division, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh and presently residing at Chimpu, Itanagar, PO and PS Chimpu, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh and permanent resident of Seppa, PO and PS Seppa, East Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh.

VERSUS

The State of AP

represented by the Special PP, Anti Corruption Bureau

Advocate for the Petitioner : Tania Kipa, T Nima

Advocate for the Respondent : Ojing Pada, SC (ACB)

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE YARENJUNGLA LONGKUMER

ORDER

Date : 21-01-2026

The present application has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 praying for grant of pre-arrest bail to the applicant, namely, Shri Lokap Yangfo in connection with ACB P.S. Case No.13/2025, dated 12.12.2025, registered under Section 61/336/316(5)/318/319 of BNS, 2023 read with Section 7 and 13(1)(a)(b), 2 of the Prevention of

Corruption Act, 1988.

2. Heard Mr. T, Kipa, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. O. Pada, learned Special Public Prosecutor for the Anti-Corruption Bureau.

3. The present petitioner has filed the instant application apprehending arrest in connection with the aforementioned case i.e ACB P.S. Case No.13/2025, inasmuch as, he has received a notice dated 23.12.2025, directing him to appear before the Investigating Officer in connection with the said case.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he is not involved in the case and that he is a Government employee of PWD department, who has been transferred to the present place of posting at Nafra PWD Sub-Division only vide an order dated 23.09.2025. It is also stated that petitioner has recently undergone chest operation, and is now recuperating and relevant medical certificates are enclosed in the application. Therefore, there is no possibility of him absconding and not cooperating with the investigation. It is also submitted that he is ready to cooperate with the investigation, if the present application is allowed.

5. The learned Special Public Prosecutor, ACB, Mr. O. Pada, objecting to the prayer of the applicant has submitted that several incriminating materials have been found against the present petitioner and that some beneficiaries have already given their statements in the form of affidavits alleging the involvement of the present petitioner in the compensation process and that the present petitioner has been involved

as an intermediary between the beneficiaries and the Government Officials and acting as a broker for wrongful gain. And it is further submitted that the investigation is still at the initial stage and the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required in order to unearth all the details. The learned Special Public Prosecutor, ACB also submits that the present case is one involving economic offence wherein this Court has to consider the balance between the petitioner's right and the right of the citizens and the right of the public at large. It is further submitted by the learned Special Public Prosecutor that the petitioner is an influential person and he shall definitely try to influence witnesses if he is released on bail and being protected by an interim order, it is evident that the petitioner shall not cooperate with the investigation.

6. The Court has considered the submissions of the learned counsel for the parties and is of the view that the petitioner being a Government employee is not a flight risk and moreover, the petitioner is ready to cooperate with the investigation and therefore, the bail application is allowed with the following conditions:

- i) that the applicant shall be released on bail in the event of his arrest on execution of a bail bond of Rs.50,000/- with one local surety of like amount to the satisfaction of the arresting authority;
- ii) that the applicant shall cooperate with the investigation and shall report before the I.O. of the case every fortnight;
- iii) that the applicant shall not tampered with the evidence and shall not try to influence any of the witnesses in any manner and;
- iv) that the applicant shall supply any information or

documents/evidence to the Investigating Officer as required and if within his knowledge.

7. With the above observations and directions, instant bail application stands disposed of.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant