



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 164 of 2026

Pratyusha Prasanna Kar **Petitioner**

Mr. D. R. Mohapatra, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**

Smt. S. Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER
12.01.2026

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1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition is filed seeking pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with an enquiry being proceeded by the Criminal Investigation Department, Crime Branch, Cuttack vide notice u/s 94 BNSS bearing No.18656 dated 24th November, 2025 on the grounds stated.
3. The petitioner apprehends arrest since he has received a notice from the CID, CB as per Annexure-1. Mr. Mohapatra, learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has parted with an amount of Rs.2 core and 76 lac in connection with the lease in favour of the informant, wherein, there has been investment by the petitioner in ABLAPL No.163 of 2026 as well. It is further submitted that the said sairat lease has expired in the meantime and the auction could not be worked out and in that connection, the petitioner approached the informant for refund of the money, he had invested but



instead, it was reported to the CID, CB by him and as a result, notice has been issued vide Annexure-1. It is also submitted that an FIR has been lodged against the informant before the Infocity PS with a written report, a copy of which is at Annexure-2 but no case has been registered till date. Considering the nature of the dispute inter se parties, it is lastly submitted by Mr. Mohapatra, learned counsel that the petitioner should be protected by pre-arrest bail.

4. Gone through the contents of the written report at Annexure-2.

5. Recorded the submission of the Smt. Mohanty, learned ASC for the State.

6. Having regard to the facts pleaded on record and claim of the petitioner that he had deposited an amount of Rs.2 crore and 76 lac along with the other petitioner in ABLAPL No.163 of 2026, who invested a sum of Rs.1 crore and some odd, this Court is of the view that the petitioner herein should also be directed to cooperate in the enquiry, which has been taken up by the CID, CB in the meantime and till such time, a case is registered, interim protection should be granted to him for but a specific period.

7. Accordingly, it is ordered.

8. In the result, ABLAPL is disposed of with a direction that the petitioner shall not be taken into custody in connection with the case at least for the period of six weeks from today. It is further directed that the petitioner should cooperate the CID,



CB in connection with the complaint received from the informant within the above stipulated period without default. It is also directed that in the event, at any time before expiry of the above period, the petitioner still apprehends his arrest upon a case registered by the CID, CB, he shall have the liberty to surrender before the court concerned with a request to grant him regular bail for orders to be considered keeping in view the decision by the Apex Court in **Satender Kumar Antil Vrs. Central Bureau of Investigation and another, (2022) 10 SCC 51** or in the alternative, to renew the prayer for pre-arrest bail.

9. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge