



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.209 of 2026

Chandra Sekhar Pradhan **Petitioner**

Mr. B. Swain, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**

Ms. Siva Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER
13.01.2026

Order No.

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1. Heard Mr. Swain, learned counsel for the petitioner and Ms. Mohanty, learned ASC for the State.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed for pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with Hatibari P.S. Case No.159 of 2024 corresponding to G.R. Case No.574 of 2024 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Biramitrapur on the grounds stated therein.
3. From the FIR at Annexure-1, this Court finds that there was theft of a four-wheeler, in connection with which, Hatibari P.S. Case No.159 of 2024 was registered. It has been alleged that the helper of the vehicle in question was suspected to be involved. A copy of the statement of the informant recorded under Section 180 BNSS is produced in Court at the time of hearing and the same is gone through. It is submitted that the



present accused is not involved in the alleged incident but his bank account was used for the alleged purpose. It is also submitted that the theft vehicle was subsequently recovered by the local police. From the above statement, it is made to reveal that the helper, namely, Gopal Koleth was managed to remove the vehicle from a parking area and subsequently disposed it of.

4. Recorded the objection of the State.

5. Considering the statement of the informant recorded under Section 180 BNSS and the fact that the primary allegation is specifically directed against the above-named helper, who managed to operate the account of the petitioner, this Court is of the view that the present accused though should not be granted pre-arrest bail but to be released on bail upon surrender before the court concerned with suitable conditions.

6. Accordingly, it is ordered.

7. In the result, ABLAPL stands disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. It is further directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders before the court of learned J.M.F.C., Biramitrapur within a fortnight from today, he shall be released on bail in connection with Hatibari P.S. Case No.159 of 2024 corresponding to G.R. Case No.574 of 2024 subject to him furnishing a bail bond of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court below, which shall be at liberty to impose such other suitable conditions as deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case besides the following, such



as, he shall cooperate the I.O. during investigation and to continue to do so till its completion.

8. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Alok