



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 509 of 2026

Abhiram Sahoo

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Petitioner

Mr. H. K. Panigrahi, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. M.K. Mohanty, ASC

Mr. A. Mishra, Advocate (Informant)

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

Order

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ORDER

26.03.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed seeking pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with G.R. Case No.05 of 2026 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Aul arising out of Aul P.S. Case No.0005 dated 2nd January, 2026 on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. Recorded the submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties. On behalf of Mr. Mishra, learned counsel for the informant, it is submitted to the Court that a copy of the bail petition with annexures has not been served on him. But this Court by order dated 20th January, 2026 at the initial stage itself directed the parties to go for a mediation but it has been unsuccessful as per the report received and at Flag-B2. It is submitted to the Court



by learned counsel for the petitioner that the informant did not turn up on second date for mediation and hence, it was closed. This Court earlier by order dated 12th February, 2026 had directed the State to take instructions as to if the dowry articles have been seized in connection with the case. Today, the case diary is submitted and also the intimation received from the IIC of the concerned PS regarding the informant to have taken zima of gold ornaments. As to the other articles, it is further submitted that the seizure has taken place and the same are in zima of the informant. The seizure memo reveals details of the articles seized by the local police. In view of the above and though there is allegation of additional dowry demand without any particulars revealed in the FIR and that, the report has been lodged in the month of January, 2026 and there was an attempt from the side of the petitioner for mediation, which could not be successful for the absence of the informant, this Court, under the impression that substantial part of investigation must have been over by now, is inclined to direct him to surrender before the learned court below to go on bail with conditions instead of entertaining his plea for pre-arrest bail.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. In the event, the petitioner surrenders before the court of learned J.M.F.C., Aul within fortnight from today, it is directed that he shall be released on bail in



connection with G.R. Case No.05 of 2026 corresponding to Aul P.S. Case No.0005 dated 2nd January, 2026 on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.30,000/-(rupees thirty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount with such other conditions imposed as deemed just and proper and in the facts and circumstances of the case besides the following, such as, he shall cooperate the I.O. in the investigation as and when summoned without default, till the same is over.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Rojina