



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.793 of 2026

Banti @Manish Maharana & Petitioners
another

Mr. J. Behera, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha Opposite Party
Mr. M.K. Mohanty, ASC

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ABLAPL No.800 of 2026

Manti@Satish Maharana & Petitioners
another

Mr. J. Behera, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha Opposite Party
Mr. M.K. Mohanty, ASC

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MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIAK

ORDER
26.02.2026

Order No.

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1. Both the ABLAPLs are taken up together and disposed of by the following common order.
2. Instant petitions have been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioners seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Ranpur P.S. Case No.07 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.14 of 2026 pending in the court of learned J.M.F.C., Ranpur on the grounds stated therein.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. A case under Section 109(1) BNS has been registered with other allied offences in



respect of the alleged incident. On a reading of Annexure-1, the Court finds that the petitioners did the mischief and caused a head injury to the informant, who was medically examined on police requisition. The case diary is produced by learned counsel for the State along with the injury report. The said report reveals that the victim, namely, Bijay Kumar Pandi received a lacerated wound stated to be simple in nature. The assault was by means of a pistol but not with a gunshot fire. The petitioner in ABLAPL No.793 of 2026 is shown to have three other criminal cases but is claimed that in two out of three, the petitioner has been acquitted of the charges levelled. The details of the circumstances leading to the alleged assault have been described by the witnesses examined during investigation under Section 180 BNSS. Considering the above facts and submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties and though one of the petitioners having antecedents but in so far as the injury is concerned, the victim received a simple one and not grievous, under the impression that the investigation must have progressed to a considerable extent, this Court, though, not inclined to grant any of them pre-arrest bail, but is of the view that they should be directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released with stringent conditions imposed.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL petitions stand disposed of with a direction to the petitioners to surrender before learned J.M.F.C., Ranpur within a fortnight from today and in the event, they surrender in compliance thereof, shall be released



on bail in connection with G.R. Case No.14 of 2026 on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.50,000/- (rupees fifty thousand) each with one solvent surety for the like amount each to the satisfaction of the 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, none of them shall involve in similar incidents, while on bail and to cooperate the I.O in the investigation as and when summoned.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Balaram