



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1152 of 2025

Pritam Mahapatra

....

Petitioner

Mr. D.R. Senapati, Advocate

-versus-

State of Orissa

....

Opposite Party

Mr. R.B. Dash, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

26.03.2025

Order No.

- 01.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
2. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with C.T. Case No.28 of 2022, pending in the Court of learned SDJM, Balasore, arising out of **Balasore Town P.S. Case No.05 of 2022** for commission of alleged offences under Section 420 & 34 of IPC.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that even if the entire allegation is accepted at its face value, the complicity of the Petitioner is limited to the tune of introducing the principal accused with the Informant. Hence, he may be protected by pre-arrest bail.



4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer since the investigation is at a nascent stage.

5. Taking into account that the nature of allegation, this Court directs that on surrendering within three weeks hence and moving for bail, the Petitioner shall be released on bail by the learned Court in seisin on such terms as deemed subject to verification of criminal antecedent of similar nature.

6 If it comes to fore that the Petitioner has any such criminal antecedent, this order shall not be given effect to.

7. Before releasing the learned Court shall verify as to whether order of this Court has been assailed before the Apex Court and if so, the result thereof.

8. It is needless to state that this order shall be cited as precedent in respect of the co-accused.

9. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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