



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1128 of 2026

Aju @ Ajaya Sethi & another Petitioners

Mr. A.S. Paul, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha Opposite Party

Mr. S.K. Lenka, ASC

**CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK**

**ORDER
25.02.2026**

Order No.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed for pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with Sahidnagar P.S. Case No.573 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No.1458 of 2025 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C.-III, Bhubaneswar on the grounds stated therein.
3. The petitioners had earlier approached this Court in ABLAPL No.14349 of 2025 disposed of on 22nd December, 2025, whereby, they were directed to surrender before the learned court below and seek regular bail, which shall be considered in the 1st hour and in case of rejection, to approach the Sessions Court. Today, it is submitted to the Court by the learned counsel for the petitioners that petitioner No.2 is having two antecedents, whereas, petitioner No.1 has none and in view



of the antecedents against the said accused, he could not surrender before the learned court below complying the order in ABLAPL No.14349 of 2025. It is informed to the Court that petitioner No.1 even though having no other similar antecedent has not surrendered complying the order in ABLAPL No.14349 of 2025 dated 22nd December, 2025. Recorded the objection of the State. Considering the earlier order in ABLAPL No.14349 of 2025, this Court is inclined to direct the petitioners to comply the same for consideration of their bail plea. This Court is also of the view that the plea for bail vis-à-vis petitioner No.2 shall be considered with the plea that he is having only two other criminal cases.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, ABLAPL is disposed of. It is further directed that in the event, the petitioners surrender within the period of fifteen days from today before the learned J.M.F.C.-III, Bhubaneswar in connection with Sahidnagar P.S. Case No.573 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No.1458 of 2025 and move an application for regular bail, it shall be duly considered in the first hour and in case of rejection, they shall approach the learned Sessions Court during the second hour for an order on the same day considering all such plea advanced by them.

6. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge