



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1142 of 2026

Anirudhha Luha@Anil Luha

.... **Petitioner**
Mr. S. G. Das, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

.... **Opposite Party**
Mr. S. K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIAK

ORDER

25.02.2026

Order No.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioner seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Belpada P.S. Case No.373 of 2025 corresponding to G.R. Case No.1626 of 2025 pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Patnagarh on the grounds stated.
3. From the FIR as at Annexure-1, it is made to appear that the petitioner was responsible for migration of labourers but having no license for the same. The report reveals that the labourers were rescued by the local police and the incidents was reported thereafter. It is claimed that the petitioner is having no other similar criminal antecedents though a criminal case not related to any such mischief presently alleged. Recorded the objection of the State. Considering the fact that the petitioner is involved for the first time with the transportation of labourers outside the State but all of them have been rescued while on their way to the destination, this



Court though not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to him but is of the view that he should surrender before the learned court below for being released with stringent conditions.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL petition stands disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to surrender before learned S.D.J.M., Patnagarh within a fortnight from today and in the event, he surrenders in compliance thereof, shall be released on bail in connection with G.R. Case No.1626 of 2025 on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (rupees fifty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount 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 and subject to verification and absence of similar criminal antecedents besides the following, such as, he shall cooperate the I.O. in the investigation, till it is over and to submit an undertaking not to involve himself in similar criminal activities, while on bail.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Balaram