



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1145 of 2026

Mahendra Satnami & another **Petitioners**

Mr. J. K. Majhi, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**

Mr. S. K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

25.03.2026

Order No.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed seeking pre-arrest bail of the petitioners in connection with G.R. Case No.06 of 2026 arising out of Kantabanji P.S. Case No.01 of 2026 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Kantabanji on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the F.I.R. as at Annexure-1. It is informed to the Court that petitioner No.1 is having labour license. A copy of the said license is at Annexure-2. The case diary is produced by learned counsel for the State pursuant to the Court's order dated 25th February, 2026 and the same is gone through. It is made to reveal from the case diary that money was paid to the families of the labourers, who were sent to the State of Telangana and there, they suffered at the work place. It has been alleged by the witnesses examined during investigation that they were abused and threatened while working in Telangana. The alleged harassment has taken place outside the



State. Considering the above facts and submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties and since petitioner No.1 is having labour license, whereas, petitioner No.2 is his father and there has been payment of money to the members of the labour force though a claim of less payment made to them, this Court is not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioners, who are however, should be allowed to go on bail upon surrender before the learned court below but with stringent conditions.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. In the event, the petitioners surrender before the court of learned J.M.F.C., Kantabanji within a fortnight from today, it is directed that they shall be released on bail in connection with G.R. Case No.06 of 2026 arising out of Kantabanji P.S. Case No.01 of 2026 on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) each with one solvent surety for the like amount each with such other conditions imposed by the court concerned as deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case besides the following, such as, petitioner No.1 shall attend the P.S. once in a fifteen days' time and to co-operate the I.O. in the investigation and to furnish an undertaking to ensure that no such incident recurs in future.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge