



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.1174 of 2026

Priyanath Behera & others **Petitioners**
Mr. B. Dalai, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**
Miss B.K. Sahu, AGA
Mr. D.K. Sahoo, Advocate for informant

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
26.02.2026

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1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and State.
2. Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioners seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Mahanga P.S. Case No.13 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.20 of 2026 pending in the court of learned J.M.F.C., Mahanga on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the names of the petitioners are not mentioned in the FIR and specific overt act is alleged against the accused, namely, Dillip Kumar Sahu, who has been arrested and presently in custody. Mr. Deepak Kumar Sahoo, learned counsel for the informant appears today and vehemently opposed release of the petitioners on bail claiming that he has criminal antecedents and in so far as the victim is concerned, he received a grievous injury. Learned counsel for the State



produced case diary and medical examination report of the injured and on a perusal of the same, the Court finds him to have suffered a lacerated wound on the temporal region of the head, hence, stated to be grievous with an opinion therein that it might has been caused by blunt object. In fact, from the FIR, the Court finds that a group of men assaulted the injured causing head injury to him. Even though, the names of the petitioners are not mentioned in the report but since the assault has resulted in causing serious injury, this Court is not inclined to consider them for pre-arrest but is of the view that they should surrender before the learned court below seeking regular bail for orders.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. It is further directed that in the event, the petitioners surrender within a fortnight from today before learned J.M.F.C., Mahanga in connection with Mahanga P.S. Case No.13 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.20 of 2026 and move regular bail, it shall be duly considered and in case rejected during the first hour, them to approach the learned Sessions Court during the second hour for orders on the same day after considering all such plea advanced at present.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge