



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1250 of 2026

Pintu @ Mahadeb Sahoo

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Petitioner

Mr. B. P. Nanda, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

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Opposite Party

Mr. S. B. Panda, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER

07.03.2026

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1. Heard learned counsels for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed for pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with Talcher P.S. Case No.69 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.142 of 2026 pending in the file of learned S.D.J.M., Talcher on the grounds stated therein.
3. Gone through the F.I.R. as at Annexure-1 and it reveals illicit transportation of 21 tons of coal and in that connection, the petitioner apprehends arrest in the hands of local police. It is informed to the Court that one of the accused persons, namely, Tohidur Shaikh is on bail by the order of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Talcher and the petitioner is similarly situated. Recorded the objection of learned counsel for the State. Since huge quantity of coal is involved, it is not a



case fit for anticipatory bail, however, considering the submission as above and release of the co-accused persons, this Court is inclined to direct the petitioner to surrender before the learned court below and move application for bail pleading parity and for orders.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL stands disposed of. It is further directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders within fortnight from today before the learned S.D.J.M., Talcher in connection with Talcher P.S. Case No.69 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.142 of 2026 and moves an application for regular bail, it shall be duly considered and disposed of in the first hour and in case of rejection, he shall approach the Sessions Court during the second hour for orders on the same day itself considering his plea of parity.

6. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Sumitra