



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.1176 of 2026

Arati Singh & others

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Petitioners

Mr. B.R. Mohanty, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mrs. S. Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

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 Khantapada P.S. Case No.397 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No.1003 of 2025 pending in the court of learned J.M.F.C.(R), Balasore on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the allegations against the accused persons are omnibus in nature. It is claimed that the informant had a love marriage with petitioner No.4 and as such, there was no dowry demand. Learned counsel for the State produced case diary and submits that in the meantime, the chargesheet is filed against the petitioners. On a reading of Annexure-1, the Court further finds that the allegation is



general and it is with regard to ill-treatment meted out to the victim/informant. No dowry related demand and torture has been alleged by the informant therein. Considering the same and as no one has been arrested by the local police during investigation and in the meantime, chargesheet is filed revealed from the case diary itself, this Court, though not inclined grant pre-arrest bail to any of them, but is of the view that the petitioners should be directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released with suitable conditions imposed.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. It is directed that in the event, the petitioners surrender before learned J.M.F.C.(R), Balasore in connection with Khantapada P.S. Case No.397 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No.1003 of 2025 within a fortnight from today, all are to be released on bail upon furnishing bail bonds of Rs.25,000/-(rupees twenty five thousand) each with one solvent surety for the like amount each with such other conditions imposed besides the following, such as, they shall not to cause any further mischief and harm to the informant, in any manner, whatsoever, while on bail.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge