



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.1333 of 2026

Sangita Mandal@ Sardar & another **Petitioners**

Ms. R.Singh, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**
Mr. S.Panda, ASC

And
ABLAPL No.1373 of 2026

Anjali Mandal & another **Petitioners**
Mr. M.Nandy, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**
Mr. S.Panda, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIAK

ORDER
31.03.2026

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01. 1. Both the ABLAPLs are taken up together for orders.
2. Instant petitions have been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioners seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Kalimela P.S.Case No. 17 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.44 of 2026 pending in the file of learned JMFC at Motu, MV-79, Malkangiri on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the F.I.R. as at Annexure-1. The bail plea vis-à-vis petitioner No.2 in ABLAPL No. 1373 of 2026 is not pressed. Recorded the submissions of learned counsel for the



respective parties. Upon a reading of the F.I.R. i.e. Annexure-1, it is made to appear that there is allegation of ill-treatment with the informant's daughter by her in-laws and also husband, who is stated to be in judicial custody at present. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits the allegations in the F.I.R. are totally false. Mr. Nandy, learned counsel for the petitioners in ABLAPL No. 1373 of 2026 submits that the allegation of sexual mischief committed by petitioner No.2 is highly improbable. As regards the other accused, namely, Anjali Mandal, the submission of Mr. Nandy, learned counsel is that the allegation is against her and others is omnibus in nature. The submissions of learned counsel for the petitioners are that considering the nature of allegations, the petitioners should be allowed to go on bail with any conditions. Ms.Singh, learned counsel for the petitioners in ABLAPL No. 1333 of 2026 submits that the accused persons, namely, petitioner No.1 is the sister in-law and petitioner No.2 is husband of petitioner No.1 and the allegation against them is similar in nature.

4. On the other hand, Mr. Panda, learned ASC for the State submits that the informant's daughter has been alleged of ill-treatment and was treated as an indoor patient but all injuries sustained by her are simple in nature and while claiming so, he submitted the case diary and bed head ticket collected from the hospital. It is revealed that the victim was admitted in the hospital on 23rd January, 2026 and received treatment for injuries. In fact, the case diary reveals that the informant and also her daughter received injuries but the injuries as earlier stated are not grievous. In so far as the allegation of dowry



demand is concerned, it is not specifically mentioned in the F.I.R. as to nature of such demand whether it is in cash or kind. The Court finds that there has been allegation of such demand by the in-laws without revealing details of the same.

5. Mr. Panda, learned ASC does not have any instruction as to if the investigation is over. Perused the statement of the informant recorded under Section 180 BNSS and it is claimed by her that the victim was ill-treated by her in-laws and there has been sexual mischief committed by father in-law in the manner described therein. Considering the above facts and submissions of learned counsels for the respective parties, in absence of any specific mention regarding the nature of demand from the side of the in-laws but alleging ill-treatment and admittedly the victim received injuries and that she and the informant received such injuries during the incident, under the impression that the investigation must have been over by now, this Court is of the view that even though there is no case made out for pre-arrest bail but the petitioners except the father in-law, namely, petitioner No.2 in ABLAPL No. 1373 of 2026 as against whom the bail plea is not pressed are directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released with stringent conditions.

6. Accordingly, it is ordered.

7. In the result, the ABLAPLs are disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. In the event, the petitioners (except the petitioner No.2 in ABLAPL No.1373 of 2026) surrender before the court of learned JMFC at Motu, MV-79, Malkangiri within



a fortnight from today and to go on bail, it is directed that they shall be released on bail on furnishing a bail bond of Rs. 30,000/-(rupees thirty thousand) each with one solvent surety for the like amount each with other conditions besides the following such as, they shall not committed any further mischief involving the victim and her family and cause any harm to her in any manner whatsoever, while on bail and to co-operate the I.O. and to attend the P.S. as and when summoned without default, if the same is pending as on date. But in so far as petitioner No.2 in ABLAPL No.1373 of 2026 is concerned, his bail plea stands rejected but he is at liberty to surrender before the learned court below within the above stipulated period seeking regular bail during the first hour and in the event of rejection, to approach the learned Sessions Court for orders on the same day during second hours itself.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge