



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1351 of 2026

Firoja Kumar Sahu

.... **Petitioner**

Mr. A. Dash, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

.... **Opposite Party**

Miss B.K. Sahu, AGA

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

09.03.2026

**Order
No.**

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1. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. The case diary and statements of the witnesses recorded under Section 180 BNSS are produced and also the PM report the deceased. Mr. Dash, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the deceased had a suicidal hanging and not homicidal. It is informed to the Court that the petitioner is working as Project Manager in a company, in which, the deceased was an employee. The Court is inclined to ascertain the cause of death as to whether the deceased committed suicide as is claimed by the petitioner and hence, requests Miss Sahu, learned AGA for the State to take instructions and to reply back.

2. List on 31st March, 2026 for further orders and in the meantime, this Court, as an interim measure, considering the materials on record especially the statements of the witnesses recorded under Section 180 BNSS claiming therein that the



deceased committed suicide, directs that the petitioner shall not be taken into custody in connection with Bhawanipatna Town P.S. Case No.28 of 2026 corresponding to C.T. Case No.47 of 2026 pending in the file of learned S.D.J.M., Bhawanipatna till the next date of hearing.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

TUDU