



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.1342 of 2026

Amit Kumar Sahoo

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Petitioner

Mr. A.U. Sepanati, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & another

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. M.K. Mohanty, ASC

Mr. B.K. Sharma, Sr. Advocate for Informant

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

10.03.2026

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1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners.
2. Since, offences under Sections 12 and 14 of the POCSO are alleged, the Court is inclined to issue notice to the informant. An extra copy of the bail petition with annexures is requested to be served on the State. Learned counsel for the State is, hence, requested to ensure service of the notice on the informant with the assistance of the local PS and to report back. The appearance memo is received from Mr. Sharma, learned Senior Advocate appearing for the informant. A copy of the statement of the victim recorded under Section 183(5) BNSS is produced by learned counsel for the State and the same is gone through. In view of the submission of Mr. Sharma, learned Senior Advocate, the Court is inclined to direct State to collect the case diary and other relevant police papers causing its production on the next date of hearing.



3. Awaiting the appearance of the informant and compliance of the above order by the State, this Court, as an interim measure, directs that the petitioner shall not be taken into custody in connection with Baliana P.S. Case No.29 of 2026 corresponding to T.R. No.26 of 2026 pending in the court of the learned Special Court-ADJ-IV under POCSO Act, Bhubaneswar till the date fixed of hearing. It is directed that the petitioner while on interim protection by this Court's order shall not threaten the informant, in any manner, whatsoever and he is also to co-operate in the investigation without default.

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

5. A copy of the order be handed over to Mr. Mohanty, learned ASC for the State for its onward intimation to the PS concerned.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge