



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.1655 of 2026

Laxmidhar @ Lakshmidhar Mahalik **Petitioner**

Mr. S. Mishra, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**
Mr. S.K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
23.03.2026

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1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and State.
2. Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioner seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Tihidi P.S. Case No.386 of 2025 corresponding to G.R. Case No.2771 of 2025 pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Bhadrak on the grounds stated.
3. Gone through the FIR as at Annexure-1. The petitioner had earlier approached this Court in ABLAPL No.14166 of 2025 disposed of on 18th December, 2025 but pre-arrest bail was denied to him followed by a direction to surrender before the learned court below and to seek regular bail and in case of rejection, to approach the Sessions Court which has not been availed of. The petitioner is stated to have criminal antecedents as informed to the Court by learned counsel for the State. In



view of the above and as the alleged incident is in relation to theft of coal from Railway yard, this Court is not inclined to reconsider any such plea of pre-arrest bail in view of the earlier order in the ABLAPL at Flag-A, however, grants liberty for him to surrender before the learned court below demanding release for being considered on merit.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. It is further directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders within a fortnight from today before learned S.D.J.M., Bhadrak in connection with Tihidi P.S. Case No.386 of 2025 corresponding to G.R. Case No.2771 of 2025 and moves regular bail, it shall be duly considered and in case rejected during the first hour, he shall approach the Sessions Court during the second hour for orders on the same day and for the said purpose, the lower court record shall be made available.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge