



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.1486 of 2026

Dipti Ranjan Das & others **Petitioners**
Mr. R. Pradhan, Advocate

-Versus-

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

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
16.03.2026

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01. 1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioners seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Niali P.S. Case No.67 of 2022 corresponding to G.R. Case No.62 of 2022 pending in the court of learned J.M.F.C., Niali on the grounds stated.
3. Gone through the FIR as at Annexure-1. Referring to Annexure-2, a copy of the judgment in S.T. Case No.177 of 2024, it is submitted to the Court by learned counsel for the petitioners that the accused persons therein stood trial and have been acquitted by judgment dated 11th December, 2025. It is further submitted that the petitioners are also involved in the present case in respect of another polling booth with the allegation that they and other accused persons committed the mischief in the manner described in the FIR. A copy of the bail order dated 13th October, 2024 in BLAPL No.1205 of 2025 of learned 3rd Additional Sessions Judge, Cuttack in respect of



another accused, namely, Raj Kishore Das is produced to claim that the petitioners should be extended parity. The alleged occurrence is of the year 2022. It is claimed that the investigation is still in progress. Recording the objection of the State and as in the meantime, nearly four years have elapsed and in view of the order in respect of one of the co-accused above named granting bail to him, this Court, though not inclined to entertain the request for pre-arrest bail, is of the view that petitioners should instead be directed to surrender before the learned court below court 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 the learned J.M.F.C., Niali in connection with Niali P.S. Case No.67 of 2022 corresponding to G.R. Case No.62 of 2022 within a fortnight from today, they shall 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 as deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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