



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.1572 of 2026

Gopinath Sahoo

.... **Petitioner**

Mr. R. Mahato, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

.... **Opposite Party**

Mr. M.K. Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

19.03.2026

Order

No.

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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 Rajnagar O.R. No.36R/2021-22 corresponding to 2(b) CC Case No.02 of 2025 pending in the court of learned J.M.F.C., Pattamundai on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the Offence Report as at Annexure-1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the report has been received by the learned court below with the allegation regarding sawmill being run illegally without authority. It is the further submission that the petitioner is the owner of the land, over which, the sawmill is situated. It is claimed that the major accessories of the sawmill were found in a damaged condition so revealed from the report itself and therefore, according to learned counsel for the petitioner, the present accused should be allowed to go on bail. Recorded the objection of the State. A



report is filed under Sections 4 read with 14 of the Orissa Sawmills and Saw Pits (Control) Act, 1991. In view of the claim of the petitioner that he is not the owner of the sawmill and that the raid was conducted in respect of it which is owned by someone else and that apart, accessories found therein were in damaged condition, this Court recording the objection of the State is inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to him subject to conditions as to the following order.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of. In the event of arrest of the petitioner in connection with Rajnagar O.R. No.36R/2021-22 corresponding to 2(b) CC Case No.02 of 2025 of the court of learned J.M.F.C., Pattamundai, he shall be released on pre-arrest bail by the Arresting Officer on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.20,000/-(rupees twenty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount subject to furnishing an undertaking to co-operate the IO in the enquiry/investigation, till its completion.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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