



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1561 of 2026

Papu Behera

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Petitioner

Mr. A. S. Paul, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & another

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. M. K. Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

17.03.2026

Order No.

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1. Heard learned counsels for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed for pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with Rengali Dam Site P.S. Case No.166 of 2023 corresponding to Special POCSO Case No.93 of 2023 pending in the file of learned Special Judge (POCSO), Angul on the grounds stated therein.
3. Since the petitioner had earlier approached this Court in ABLAPL No.11754 of 2025 disposed of on 16th October, 2025, the Court is not inclined to reconsider his plea for pre-arrest bail, however, is of the view that he should be directed to surrender before the learned court below seeking regular bail.
4. Accordingly, it is ordered.
5. In the result, ABLAPL is disposed of. It is directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders within a fortnight from



today before the learned Special Judge (POCSO), Angul in connection with Rengali Dam Site P.S. Case No.166 of 2023 corresponding to Special POCSO Case No.93 of 2023 and moves an application for regular bail, it shall be duly considered on the same day with an advance notice to the informant. Till such time, the petitioner surrenders, it is further directed that there shall be no any coercive action against him in connection with Rengali Dam Site P.S. Case No.166 of 2023 corresponding to Special POCSO Case No.93 of 2023 pending in the file of learned Special Judge (POCSO), Angul.

6. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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