



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1543 of 2026

**Bimal Puntia @ Bimal
Kumar Puntia**

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Petitioner

Mr. D.J. Sahoo, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Ms. S. Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIAK

ORDER

17.03.2026

Order No.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioner seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with P.R. No.517 of 2025-26 corresponding to 2(a) C.C. Case No.72 of 2026 pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Bhadrak on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the PR at Annexure-1 and it reveals recovery and seizure of 100 liters of I.D. liquor from the possession of the petitioner. On being asked, it is informed to the Court by Mr. Sahoo, learned counsel for the petitioner that the present accused is having other criminal cases. Considering the same and objection of the State, this Court is not inclined to consider the plea of pre-arrest bail but is of the view that petitioner should be directed to surrender before the learned court below seeking regular bail for its consideration according to law and in case of rejection, to approach the Sessions Court.



4. Accordingly, it is ordered.
5. In the event, the petitioner surrenders within a fortnight from today and moves an application for bail in connection with 2(a) C.C. Case No.72 of 2026, shall be disposed of by the learned S.D.J.M., Bhadrak during the first hour and in case of rejection, to approach the Sessions Court for orders on the same day during the second hour considering the plea of his non-involvement and such seizure having taken place in his absence. It is further directed that all such plea as has been advanced at present shall be considered by the learned courts below while dealing with the application for bail of the petitioner and for the said purpose, the case diary and other relevant papers shall be made available in course of the day itself.
6. Consequently, the ABLAPL is disposed.
7. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Balaram

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