



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1573 of 2026

Narendra Majhi

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Petitioner

Mr. S.S. Ray (2), Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. S.K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

25.02.2026

Order No.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed for pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with Padmapur P.S. Case No.29 of 2023 corresponding to T.R. Case No.38 of 2023 pending in the file of learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Gunupur on the grounds stated therein.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. The name of the petitioner is disclosed by the co-accused, as informed to the Court by learned counsel for the petitioner. Considering the FIR as at Annexure-1 and the quantity of contraband Ganja recovered and seized with the vehicle, notwithstanding the order of acquittal as at Annexure-2, this Court is not inclined to consider the plea for pre-arrest bail of the petitioner but 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 stands disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. It is further directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders before the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Gunupur within a fortnight from today and moves an application for bail, the same shall be considered and disposed of on merit.

6. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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