



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.1420 of 2025

Sudam Pradhan ***Petitioner***

Mrs. C.R. Sahu, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ***Opposite Party***

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

27.03.2025

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- 02.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State
2. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.688 of 2024 pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Rairakhol, arising out of Charmal P.S. Case No.156 of 2024 for commission of offence punishable under Sections 296/ 126(2)/ 115(2)/351(2) of BNS.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that this is a case of mistaken identity and the Petitioner has been falsely implicated. Hence, he may be protected by pre-arrest bail.
4. Learned counsel for the State opposes such prayer.
5. This Court took note of such submission and found that name of the Petitioner is Sudam Pradhan



and the FIR name is one Dama Sahu @ Sudam Pradhan. In this context this Court also referred to the statement of independent witness Lata Pradhan which indicates that the name of the Petitioner is Dama Sahu @ Sudam Pradhan.

6. Taking note of the same and the manner in which the assault has been made which is evident from the statement of the injured Dankadhar Santria as well as his wife, this Court is not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the Petitioner.

7. Accordingly, ABLAPL is disposed of with the observation that the Petitioner may surrender before the learned S.D.J.M., Rairakhol in connection with the aforementioned case within one month from today.

In the event of his surrender and motion for bail, the same be considered by the learned S.D.J.M., Rairakhol on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned S.D.J.M., Rairakhol, the Petitioner is at liberty to move the higher forum for bail in the second hour on the day.

8. On being so moved, the higher forum is requested to make an endeavour to dispose of the bail application of the Petitioner on the same day. The case diary be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioner and learned S.D.J.M., Rairakhol is called upon to transmit the case record to the higher forum



at the earliest in the second hour in the event of rejection of such bail application.

9. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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