



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1724 of 2026

Ayan Prasad Ray

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Petitioner

Mr. S. Das Pattanaik, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. S. K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIAK

ORDER

24.03.2026

**Order
No.**

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1. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. It is submitted that the petitioner is a minor and he is not the principal accused, who is responsible for the alleged mischief but it is opposed by learned counsel for the State referring to the victim's statement recorded under Section 183 BNSS, a copy which is produced for the Court's perusal. Since, an offence under Sections 8 and 12 of the POCSO Act are alleged, notice to the informant, which shall be served on him by the State with the assistance of the local PS.

2. List on 21st April, 2026 for final order and in the meantime, this Court, as an interim measure, recording the submission of learned counsel for the petitioner that the present accused is appearing the Board Examination at present, directs that he shall not be taken into custody in connection with Jajpur P.S. Case No.470 of 2025 corresponding to Special C.T.



POCSO Case No.153 of 2025 pending in the file of learned
ADJ-cum-Special Judge, Jajpur till the next date of hearing.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

TUDU