



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1646 of 2026

Pabitra Kumar Behera

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Petitioner

Mr. S.K. Padhi, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. M.K. Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

23.03.2026

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 Pipili P.S. Case No.677 of 2022 corresponding to G.R. Case No.1010 of 2022 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Pipili on the grounds stated therein.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. The petitioner had earlier approached this Court in ABLAPL No.5051 of 2024, however, it was disposed of by order dated 5th November, 2025 without any pre-arrest bail granted to him but to surrender before the learned court below seeking regular bail. It is submitted to the Court that the petitioner is the buyer and sale deed was executed for sale of a plot and in that connection, six numbers of cheques were issued by him and it was cleared in respect of four, whereas, two had bounced but there is no



complaint filed under Section 138 N.I. Act instead the FIR alleging an offence under Section 420 IPC.

4. Recorded the objection of the State.

5. Though the petitioner had applied for pre-arrest bail but it was not considered and disposed of in the year 2024 and to resolve the dispute, the matter was even referred for mediation but it was unsuccessful and at present, the petitioner is inclined to deposit an amount of Rs.4 lac out of the outstanding amount of Rs.20 lac. This Court considering the nature of dispute to be civil though not inclined to reconsider any such grant of pre-arrest bail as is pleaded by him but is of the view that the petitioner should be directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released with suitable conditions imposed.

6. Accordingly, it is ordered.

7. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of. It is directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders within a fortnight from today before the learned J.M.F.C., Pipili in connection with Pipili P.S. Case No.677 of 2022 corresponding to G.R. Case No.1010 of 2022, he shall be released on bail subject to him furnishing a bail bond of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court below, which shall be at liberty to impose such other suitable conditions as deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case besides the following, such as, he shall deposit of Rs.4 lac at the time of



release to the informant in the shape of a demand draft and to furnish an undertaking to clear the balance in installments in terms of the orders from the Court concerned. In the event, the above conditions are not complied with, it is further directed that the bail order shall not be given effect to.

8. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Alok