



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 1620 of 2026

Sanjay Jena @ Babar @ Sanjay Petitioner
Kumar Jena

Mr. P.Panigrahi, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha Opposite Party

Ms. B.K.Sahu, AGA

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
23.03.2026

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1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed seeking pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with Rasol P.S. Case No.357 of 2025 pending in the file of learned SDJM, Hindol corresponding to G.R. Case No. 975 of 2025 on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the F.I.R. as at Annexure-1. The Court finds that another accused namely, Rajesh Kumar Parida@ Tapan Parida was directed to surrender before the learned court below to go on bail vide Annexure-2. It is claimed that the petitioner is more or less similarly situated like the above named accused. Perused the F.I.R. as at Anneuxre-1. The allegation therein is about illegal extraction of laterite stone from a quarry which is owned by the co-accused, who is on bail.



4. Recorded the objection of the State. The petitioner is claimed to be the owner of a tractor and is having one more criminal case related to an election dispute. Considering the above facts, submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties and release of the co-accused named above as per Annexure-2, the petitioner since stands on similar footing, this Court is inclined to extend parity and directs him to surrender before the learned court below for being released with stringent conditions instead of entertaining his plea for pre-arrest bail.

5. Accordingly, it is ordered.

6. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. In the event, the petitioner surrenders before the court of learned SDJM, Hindol within a fortnight from today, it is directed that he shall be released on bail in connection with G.R. Case No. 975 of 2025 corresponding to Rasol P.S. Case No.357 of 2025 on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.50,000/-(rupees fifty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount with such other conditions imposed by the court concerned as deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge