



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1738 of 2026

Prafulla Mallik and others **Petitioners**
Mr. D. Sethy, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**
Ms. B.K. Sahu, AGA

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
25.03.2026

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 petitioners in connection with Nilgiri P.S. Case No.223 of 2024 corresponding to C.T. Case No.469 of 2024 pending in the file of learned S.D.J.M., Nilgiri on the grounds stated therein.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexuer-1. A copy of the chargesheet is at Annexure-2. The petitioners had earlier approached this Court in ABLAPL No.14269 of 2025 disposed of on 22nd December, 2025 on the premise that they were served with notice under Section 35(3) BNSS. In the meantime, the petitioners apprehend arrest in the hands of the police. Since the investigation is concluded with the chargesheet filed in the meantime and the petitioners have not been arrested during investigation, regard being had to the nature of allegations in the FIR and objection of the State, this Court recording the submissions of learned counsel for the respective



parties though not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioners, however, is of the view that they should be directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released with suitable conditions imposed.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of. It is directed that in the event, the petitioners surrender within a fortnight from today before the learned S.D.J.M., Nilgiri in connection with Nilgiri P.S. Case No.223 of 2024 corresponding to C.T. Case No.469 of 2024, they shall be released on bail subject to them on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) each with one solvent surety for the like amount each 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.

6. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge