



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.1663 of 2026

Manas Sethi @ Manas Sethy **Petitioner**
Mr. A. C. Behera, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**
Mr. S.K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
23.03.2026

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01. 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and State.
2. Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioner seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Marshaghai P.S. Case No.23 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.128 of 2026 pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Kendrapara on the grounds stated.
3. The offences are bailable in nature. Recorded the submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties. The petitioner apprehends arrest in the hands of the police for a higher offence. Considering such apprehension and recording the submission of learned counsel for the State, this Court, though is of the view that plea of pre-arrest bail is not maintainable but the petitioner should be directed to surrender



before the learned court below for being released with conditions.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. It is further directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders before the court of learned S.D.J.M., Kendrapara in connection with Marshaghai P.S. Case No.23 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.128 of 2026 within a fortnight from today, he shall be released on bail upon furnishing a bail bond of Rs.20,000/-(rupees twenty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount with other conditions imposed as deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge