



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 1667 of 2026

Hrudananda Pradhan **Petitioner**
Mr. P.K Routray, Advocate

-Versus-

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

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

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 G.R. Case No.796 of 2013 pending in the file of learned Nayadhikari Gram Nyayalaya, Attabira, Baragarh arising out of Attabira P.S Case No.133 of 2013 on the grounds stated.
3. Gone through the FIR as at Annexure-1. The report was lodged in 2013 and as a result, Attabira P.S Case No.133 of 2013 was registered under Sections 420, 468 and 471 read with 34 IPC. It is submitted to the Court by learned counsel for the petitioner that the present accused was a Branch Manager of Utkal Gramya Bank, Paharsrigida Branch under Attabira P.S, Baragarh and is alleged of having sanctioned loans without proper verification and has retired in 2016. It is claimed that the investigation is still in progress. Learned counsel for the State



does not have any instruction as to if the investigation is underway or closed. A copy of the bail order in ABLAPL No.14415 of 2025 is produced whereby three other accused persons, who are the recipients of the loans have been released on bail by order dated 22nd December, 2025, a copy of which is also at Flag-A. The allegation in the FIR is with regard to improper verification of the applications received by the Bank received with documents As the incident is of the year 2013 when the petitioner was the Branch Manager, considering the role and responsibility assigned to him by then and the allegation is that on account of negligence in verification not adhering to KYC norms that fictitious applications for loan were entertained and that in the meantime, nearly 13 years have gone by, this Court, recording the submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties and under the impression that the investigation must have been over long time before, directs that he should be allowed to surrender before the learned court below to go on bail with conditions.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. In the event, the petitioner surrenders before the court of learned Nayadhikari Gram Nyayalaya, Attabira, Baragarh within fortnight from today, it is directed that he shall be released on bail in connection with G.R. Case No.796 of 2013 corresponding to Attabira P.S Case No.133 of



2013 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 as deemed just and proper and in the facts and circumstances of the case.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Rojina