



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1743 of 2026

Mahadev Pradhan

....

Petitioner

Ms. Sasmita Nanda, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Ms. B.K. Sahu, AGA

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

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 petitioner in connection with 2(b) C.C. No.01 of 2026 corresponding to OR Case No.1(T) of 2025-26, Angul Range Office pending in the file of learned S.D.J.M., Talcher on the grounds stated therein.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexuer-1. The details of the incident are described therein. It is submitted that the petitioner is the owner of the shop from where seizure has been made by the Forest officials as described in the FIR. It is informed to the Court that one Chinmaya Sahu and Krushna Chandra Maharana are on bail by the order of the learned Sessions Court and while claiming so, the said order dated 3rd February, 2026 is produced. Referring to Annexure-2 series, it is submitted that the petitioner has the license to run the business but the possession could not be accounted for with any documents, hence, the seizure. Considering the facts pleaded on record and



the submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties and release of the co-accused persons and the petitioner since possess license to run the shop, under the above circumstances, this Court though not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, however, is of the view that he should be directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released on bail 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 petitioner surrenders within a fortnight from today before the learned S.D.J.M., Talcher in connection with 2(b) C.C. No.01 of 2026 corresponding to OR Case No.1(T) of 2025-26, Angul Range Office, he shall be released on bail subject to him on 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 proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

6. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge