



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**  
**ABLAPL No.1759 of 2026**

**Rajanikanta Paikaray** ..... **Petitioner**  
Mr. R.N. Panda, Advocate

-Versus-

**State of Odisha** ..... **Opposite Party**  
Mrs. S. Mohanty, ASC

**CORAM:**  
**MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIAK**

**ORDER**  
**25.03.2026**

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**No.**

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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 P.R. No.334 of 2024-25 corresponding to 2(a) CC No.168 of 2024 pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Banki on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the PR as at Annexure-1 series. It is submitted that the co-accused persons are on bail pursuant to the bail orders in ABLAPLs are at Flags-A1, A2 and A3. The submission is that the petitioner apprehends arrest in view of the disclosure made by one of the co-accused, namely, Dushmanta Lenka. From the said statement, as at Annexure-1, it is submitted to the Court that the liquor was to be sold to the petitioner. In view of the alleged seizure not from the petitioner but from the co-accused persons, who are on bail. In absence of



any such recovery shown against him, so revealed from Annexure-1, Recording the objection of the State, this Court, though not inclined to grant him pre-arrest bail but is of the view that petitioner should 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 directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders before the learned S.D.J.M., Banki in connection with P.R. No.334 of 2024-25 corresponding to 2(a) CC No.168 of 2024 within a fortnight from today, he shall be released on bail upon furnishing a bail bond of Rs.40,000/- (rupees forty 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**