



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.1717 of 2026

Sipu Nath & another

.... **Petitioners**
Mr. T. Dash, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

.... **Opposite Party**
Mr. S. K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
24.03.2026

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1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and State.
2. Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioners seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Athagarh P.S. Case No.0068 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No.171 of 2025 pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Athagarh on the grounds stated.
3. The bail plea in respect of petitioner No.1 is not pressed as he has been arrested in the meantime, hence, the ABLAPL is dismissed as against him. In respect of petitioner No.2, it is submitted that he should be directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released on bail. But since petitioner No.2 had earlier approached this Court in ABLAPL No.9499 of 2025 with the co-accused, the Court is not inclined to reconsider the bail plea, however, is of the view that he



should surrender before the learned court below seeking regular bail.

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, petitioner No.2 surrenders within a fortnight from today before learned S.D.J.M., Athagarh in connection with Athagarh P.S. Case No.0068 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No.171 of 2025 and moves regular bail, it shall be duly considered and in case rejected during the first hour, he shall approach the learned Sessions Court during the second hour for orders on the same day and for the said purpose, the lower court record shall be made available.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge