



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 1776 of 2026

Sradhananda Rout

....

Petitioner

Mr. Om Swarup, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. M.K. Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

**Order
No.**

**ORDER
25.03.2026**

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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 Mahilla P.S. Case No.18 of 2026 corresponding to C.T. Case No.130 of 2026 pending in the file of learned S.D.J.M., Bhubaneswar on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. It is informed to the Court that the petitioner and informant are staying separately referring to the FIR and it is since 26th December, 2024. The further submission is that the FIR has been lodged recently long after separation. Mr. Swarup, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there is a divorce case pending before the Family Court at Bhubaneswar. Recorded the submission of learned counsel for the State. From the FIR and the case diary, it is suggested that the petitioner ill-treats the informant and at times, physically assaulted her. There is allegation of dowry



demand as well as further revealed from the FIR but in view of the fact that divorce proceeding is pending before the Family Court and as informed, counseling of the parties has also been taken care of, this Court, recording such submission of Mr. Swarup, learned counsel for the petitioner and objection of the State, though not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner but is of the view that he should be directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released on bail with suitable 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 S.D.J.M., Bhubaneswar within fortnight from today, it is directed that he shall be released on bail in connection with Mahilla P.S. Case No.18 of 2026 corresponding to C.T. Case No.130 of 2026 on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.30,000/-(rupees thirty 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