



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1744 of 2026

Chandramani Behera & others Petitioners

Mr. S.K. Baral, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha Opposite Party

Ms. B.K. Sahu, AGA

And

ABLAPL No.1762 of 2026

Ranjit Kumar Behera Petitioner

Mr. S.K. Baral, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha Opposite Party

Ms. B.K. Sahu, AGA

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

25.03.2026

Order No.

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1. Both the ABLAPLs are disposed of by the following common order.
2. Heard Mr. Baral, learned counsel for the petitioners and Ms. Sahu, learned AGA for the State.



3. Instant petitions under Section 482 BNSS are filed for pre-arrest bail of the petitioners in connection with Kissannagar P.S. Case No.97 of 2025 corresponding to G.R. Case No.533 of 2025 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C.-IV, (Cog. Taking), Cuttack on the grounds stated therein.

4. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. The report reveals that the accused husband accepted another woman, a cousin of the informant and as a result, there is disturbance in their family leading to the lodging of the FIR. This Court finds that there is no allegation of any dowry related torture. The woman with whom the accused husband is related to has been held to be responsible for the disturbance. In fact, petitioner No.4 in ABLAPL No.1744 of 2026 is the woman in the life of the accused husband. Considering the nature of allegations and involvement of the in-laws without any such claim of dowry related torture to the informant, this Court, recording the objection of the State, is of the view that instead of granting pre-arrest bail to them, all the accused persons should be directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released with conditions except the petitioner in ABLAPL No.1762 of 2026.

5. Accordingly, it is ordered.

6. In the result, the ABLAPLs stand disposed of with a direction for release of the petitioners in ABLAPL No.1744 of 2026. It is further directed that in the event, the petitioners surrender before the court of learned J.M.F.C.-IV, (Cog.



Taking), Cuttack within a fortnight from today, they shall be released on bail in connection with Kissannagar P.S. Case No.97 of 2025 corresponding to G.R. Case No.533 of 2025 subject to them furnishing a bail bond of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) each with one solvent surety for the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned court below, which shall be at liberty to impose such other suitable conditions as deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case. In respect of the petitioner in ABLAPL No.1762 of 2026, he is directed to go for a mediation before the High Court Mediation Centre, Cuttack fixed to 2nd April, 2026. It is further directed that upon appearance of the above petitioner, mediation shall be taken up with a notice to the informant and till such time, the mediation continues, he shall not be taken into custody in connection with Kissannagar P.S. Case No.97 of 2025 corresponding to G.R. Case No.533 of 2025 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C.-IV, (Cog. Taking), Cuttack.

7. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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