



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.1765 of 2026

Nabin Pradhan

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Petitioner

Ms. Pami Rath, Sr. Advocate
& Mr. C. Bidhyabhushan, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mrs. S. Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

25.03.2026

**Order
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 Jharbandha P.S. Case No.101 of 2025 corresponding to G.R. Case No.876 of 2025 pending in the court of learned S.D.J.M., Padampur on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. Ms. Rath, learned Senior Advocate for the petitioner submits that the co-accused are on bail including the principal accused persons, namely, Nitesh Sahu and Aditya Prasad Behera by this Court's order in ABLAPL No.11215 of 2025 dated 21st November, 2025. The submission is that there is allegation of the petitioner providing money for purchase of the contraband syrup bottles, hence, he



has been entangled. The further submission is that in the meantime, preliminary chargesheet is filed and hence, under the changed circumstances, the petitioner should be allowed to go on bail with any conditions notwithstanding the earlier rejection order vide ABLAPL No.11999 of 2025 dated 23rd October, 2025. A copy of the preliminary chargesheet is produced in support of the above claim. Recorded the objection of the State. Admittedly, the petitioner has been chargesheeted in connection with the alleged recovery and seizure. The chargesheet is filed after 23rd October, 2025, the date on which, the earlier ABLAPL was disposed of. The investigation is still open in terms of Section 193(9) BNSS as made to reveal from the preliminary chargesheet. Considering the above facts and submission of Ms. Rath, learned Senior Advocate and Mrs. Mohanty, learned ASC for the State and though the petitioner had approached this Court in the month of October, 2025 but in view of the closure of investigation as against him with the filing of the preliminary chargesheet in November, 2025, this Court not inclined to grant him pre-arrest bail but is of the view that he should be allowed to 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., Padampur in connection with Jharbandha P.S. Case No.101 of 2025 corresponding to G.R. Case No.876 of 2025 within a fortnight



from today, he shall be released on bail upon furnishing a bail bond of Rs.50,000/-(rupees fifty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount with other conditions imposed.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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