



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.1859 of 2026

Archana Sahoo **Petitioner**
Mr. P.K. Nanda, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**
Mr. S.K. Brahma, ASC

ABLAPL No.1872 of 2026

Basanti Singh **Petitioner**
Mr. B.P. Tripathy, Sr. Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**
Mr. S.K. Brahma, ASC

And

ABLAPL No.2948 of 2026

Snigdha Das **Petitioner**
Mr. T. Mishra, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & another **Opposite Parties**
Mr. S.K. Brahma, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER
31.03.2026

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1. All the ABLAPLs are disposed of by the following common order.

2. Recorded the submissions of learned counsels for the respective parties. A memo of appearance is received from Mr.



Tripathy, learned Senior Advocate appearing for the petitioner in ABLAPL No.1872 of 2026 and the same is taken on record.

3. Instant petitions have been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioners seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with EOW Odisha Bhubaneswar FIR No.12 of 2025 arising out of Belpahar P.S. Case No.170 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No.03 of 2025 pending in the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Presiding Officer, Designated Court under OPID Act, Sambalpur on the grounds stated.

4. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. With the closure of investigation, the chargesheet is filed, a copy which is at Annexure-2. It is made to understand that in ABLAPL Nos.1859 and 2948 of 2026, the petitioners are the suppliers, who apprehend in the hands of the local police in connection with case even though not chargesheeted. Noted down the submissions of Mr. Nanda, learned counsel for the petitioner in ABLAPL No.1859 of 2026 and also Mr. Mishra, learned counsel for the other supplier, namely, Snigdha Das in ABLAPL No.2948 of 2026. Mr. Tripathy, learned Senior Advocate for the petitioner in ABLAPL No.1872 of 2026 submits that the chargesheet is filed keeping the investigation open and that apart, the Executive Officer and two other are on bail pursuant to the Court's order in BLAPL Nos.10354 and 13151 of 2025 and ABLAPL No.459 of 2026 and therefore, in absence of any involvement vis-à-vis the misappropriation and diversion of fund and the petitioner being the mother of the Executive Officer, she should be allowed to go on bail with any



conditions. Similar is the submission of learned counsels for the other two petitioners who are admittedly the suppliers. Considering the chargesheet i.e. Annexure-2 in ABLAPL No.1859 of 2026 and that the petitioners have not been chargesheeted as the Final Form has been submitted against the Executive Officer and one of the employees of the Municipality, this Court is of the view that they should be granted pre-arrest bail.

5. Accordingly, it is ordered.

6. In the result, all the ABLAPLs are disposed of. In the event of arrest of the petitioners in connection with EOW Odisha Bhubaneswar FIR No.12 of 2025 arising out of Belpahar P.S. Case No.170 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No.03 of 2025 of the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Presiding Officer, Designated Court under OPID Act, Sambalpur, it is directed that they shall be released on bail by the Arresting Officer on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.30,000/-(rupees thirty thousand) each with one solvent surety for the like amount each with the condition that all shall co-operate the IO in the further investigation, which is stated to be in progress at present.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge