



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CRLA No.696 of 2017

Megha @ Srikanta Mallik

Appellant

Mr. S.K. Zafarulla, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

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Respondent

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

23.12.2025

I.A. No. 3533 of 2025

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- 19.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Appellant and learned counsel for the Respondent.
2. This I.A. has been filed for interim bail on account of the death of the Appellant's brother, namely, Narendra Malik.

Reference in this context is made to the Aadhaar card of one Pitambar Malik, who is the father of the present Appellant and the deceased as well as to the note of the SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack, that the brother of the deceased expired on 16.12.2025.

3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that in order to attend the obsequies, the Appellant may be released on interim bail.



4. Learned counsel for the State while not disputing the death as stated, opposes the said prayer, taking into account the nature of allegations.

5. On consideration of rival submissions and taking into account the materials on record indicating the death of the brother of the Appellant and in order to enable him to perform the obsequies, this Court directs the Appellant to be released on interim bail in connection with S.T. Case No.58/38 of 2015 pending in the Court of learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Bhadrak, arising out of Bhadrak Rural P.S. Case No.369 of 2014 till 12.01.2026.

6. Learned Court in seisin shall fix the terms.

7. Additionally, it is directed that the Appellant during the currency of the interim bail period, shall appear before the jurisdictional police station on 02.01.2026 as well as 07.01.2026. Certification of such appearance shall be submitted to the learned trial Court as well as to this Court through the public prosecutor.

8. On expiry of the interim bail period, the Appellant shall surrender on 13.01.2026.

9. I.A is accordingly disposed of.



10. U.C.C in course of the day.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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- 20.** 1. List this matter along with CRLA No.548 of 2017, CRLA No.76 of 2018 and CRLA No.1098 of 2024 before the assigned Bench on 15.01.2026.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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