



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 3011 of 2026

Bichitrananda Swain and another Petitioners

Mr. S. Biswal, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha Opposite Party

Mr. S. Panda, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER

31.03.2026

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I.A. No.496 of 2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant I.A. is filed by the petitioner seeking interim protection from arrest.
3. It is submitted to the Court that the petitioner's presence is necessary at the time of the obsequies ceremony to be held on 1st April, 2026 and 2nd April, 2026 for the death of his brother, namely, Bichitrananda Swain @ Subash Swain on 22nd March, 2026. In support of such claim, an affidavit is filed as at Annexure-1 to the I.A. A copy of the I.A. with the annexure is served on the State and the same is received. Considering the affidavit on record, accepting the same at its face value and without doubting the genuineness of the same with regard to the claim of the death of petitioner's brother named above and since, rituals are to be held in the family



shortly, this Court is inclined to grant interim protection to the petitioner for a period of ten days only.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the I.A is disposed of with the direction that the petitioner shall not be taken into custody in connection with Kujang P.S Case No.60 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.192 of 2026 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C (P), Kujang only for a period of ten days to commence from tomorrow.

6. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules and in course of the day.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge