



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.3896 of 2026

***Rajat Mohapatra @
Mahapatra***

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Petitioner(s)

Mr. S.C.D. Dash, Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party(s)

Mr. Debaraj Mohanty, AGA
Mr. Manoranjan Das, Advocate
(For informant)

CORAM: JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER

05.05.2026

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1. Heard.

2. The petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Baghamari P.S. Case No.95 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.422 of 2026 registered for alleged commission of offences punishable under Section 326(g)/351(2) of the BNS, 2023, pending in the Court of the learned J.M.F.C., Khurda.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, on instruction from the petitioner, submits that except the present bail application, no other bail application of the petitioner is pending in any other Court relating to the aforesaid F.I.R.



4. On 24.03.2026, the complainant lodged an F.I.R. in Baghamari P.S. alleging therein that on 22.03.2026 at about 1.00 P.M., four bales of straw which were stored at the back side of his house for the purpose of Mushroom cultivation were set on fire. At that time, the petitioner was seen at a distance of 200 meters. On seeing the complainant, the petitioner fled away from the spot. When the complainant called him to ask, he threatened the complainant to kill him and his family. Hence, the case.

5. Learned counsels for the State as well as for the informant vehemently opposed the prayer for bail and submit that the offence committed by the petitioner attracts the life sentence. The investigation is still going on in the present case.

6. In view of the above, I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. However, it is open for the petitioner to surrender before the trial Court and move regular bail application. If such regular bail application is moved by the petitioner before the Court below, the same shall be considered by the Courts



below on merits in accordance with law on the same day.

7. With the aforementioned observation, the ABLAPL is disposed of.

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

Subhasis