



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.3866 of 2026

Satish Kumar Biswal **Petitioner**
Mr. D. Nayak, Sr. Advocate
assisted by Ms. Bini Mishra, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**
Mr. S. Panda, ASC

ABLAPL No.4046 of 2026

Pradeep Mohanty **Petitioner**
Mr. D. Kanungo, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**
Mr. S. Panda, ASC

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ABLAPL No. 4075 of 2026

Kulamani Pradhan **Petitioner**
Mr. D. Kanungo, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**
Mr. S. Panda, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIAK

ORDER
04.05.2026

Order No.

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1. All the ABLAPLs are taken up together for disposal by the following common order.



2. Recorded the submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties.

3. Instant petitions have been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioners seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Dharmasala P.S. Case No.115 of 2026 corresponding to C.T. (Spl.) Case No. 14 of 2026 pending in the court of learned ADJ, Chandikhole, Jajpur on the grounds stated.

4. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1 series. The Court finds that offense under the SC & ST (PoA) Act are alleged against the petitioners. Recorded the submissions of Mr. Nayak, learned Senior Advocate for the accused, who is a Journalist, in ABLAPL No. 3866 of 2026 and Mr. Kanungo, learned counsel for the other petitioners and also the State. Considering the circumstances under which the alleged occurrence took place with the allegations against the petitioners having committed the offense under the SC & ST (PoA) Act, the Court is inclined to direct their surrender before the court of learned ADJ, Chandikhole, Jajpur in connection with C.T. (Spl.) Case No. 14 of 2026 for consideration of their bail plea in terms of the decision of the Apex Court in **Pramod Kumar Ray and others Vrs. State of Odisha (2017) 67 OCR 309** with a proper notice to the informant.

5. Accordingly, it is ordered.

6. In the result, the ABLAPL petitions stand disposed of with the directions hereinabove, it is further directed that the petitioners shall surrender before the learned court below in



connection with Dharmasala P.S. Case No.115 of 2026 corresponding to C.T. (Spl.) Case No. 14 of 2026 pending in the court of learned ADJ, Chandikhole, Jajpur within three weeks from today for their bail plea to be considered by learned ADJ, Chandikhole in the light of the direction as aforesaid and in accordance with law with a notice to the informant and till such time, they surrender within the above stipulated period, none shall be taken into custody by the local PS.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Balaram