



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 4298 of 2026

***Niranjan Pradhan @
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Petitioner

Mr. R.N. Rout, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

02.05.2026

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- 01.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
2. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No. 360 of 2026 pending on the file of learned JMFC (Cog. Taking-1), Puri, arising out of Sea Beach P.S. Case No.101 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 109/ 115(2)/ 118(1)/ 126(2)/ 296/ 3(5) BNS.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that even if the entire allegation is accepted at its face value, the same is against the son of the Petitioner. Hence, the Petitioner may be released on pre-arrest bail.
4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail during currency of investigation, inter alia, referring to the section 3(5) of the BNS and submits that at this stage the dissection of



the allegation as being put forth by the learned counsel for the Petitioner is not permissible.

5. Taking into account the nature of allegations, it is directed that on surrendering within three weeks hence and moving for bail, the Petitioner shall be released on bail by the learned Court in seisin on such terms as deemed just and proper subject to verification of criminal antecedent of similar nature.

6. If it comes to the fore that the Petitioner has any such criminal antecedent, this order shall not be given effect to.

7. Additionally, it is directed that Petitioner shall appear before the jurisdictional police station once every week on such date and time to be fixed by the learned Court in seisin till submission of final form. Certification of such appearance shall be submitted to the Court in seisin.

8. It is made clear that disposal of the application in respect of the present Petitioner shall not have any bearing so far as the bail application of the co-accused is concerned, which has to be considered on its own merit.

9. It is needless to state that the Petitioner shall cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

10. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge