



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.4407 of 2026

Basanta Kumar Rout

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Petitioner

Mr. N. Mohapatra, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. M.K. Panda, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER

04.05.2026

Order No.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed for pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with Cyber Crime and Economic Offences P.S. Case No.03 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.16 of 2026 pending in the file of learned S.D.J.M., Bhadrak on the grounds stated therein.
3. Gone through the FIR as at Annexure-1 and therein, it is alleged that the petitioner is responsible for viral of a derogatory post in social media releasing provocative slogans likely to cause communal disturbance and tension in the locality. It is informed to the Court that the petitioner does not have any other antecedent and is a first-time offender. Noted down the submission of Mr. Mohanty, learned ASC for the State. The content of the derogative post is the reason behind the lodging of the FIR by the local P.S. Considering the above facts and the submissions of the learned counsel for the respective parties and absence of any antecedent as is claimed, this Court, though not inclined to entertain the bail plea,



however, is of the view that the petitioner should be directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released with suitable conditions imposed.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of. It is directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders before the learned S.D.J.M., Bhadrak in connection with Cyber Crime and Economic Offences P.S. Case No.03 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.16 of 2026 within a fortnight from today, he shall be released on bail subject to him on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court below, which shall be at liberty to impose such other suitable conditions as deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case besides the following, such as, he shall not commit any similar mischief, while on bail and to furnish an undertaking in that regard at the PS concerned.

6. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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