



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.4917 of 2026

Amit Kumar Panda

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Petitioner(s)

Mr. Jugala Kishore Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party(s)

Mr. Debraj Mohanty, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER

04.05.2026

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1. Heard.

2. The petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with C.T. Case No.216-A of 2015 arising out of Baunsuni P.S. Case no.39 of 2015 registered on the allegation of the offences under Section 420 of I.P.C. pending in the Court of the learned S.D.J.M., Boudh.

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. The prosecution case, in brief, is that on 20.05.2015 at about 11:30 A.M., the informant lodged



a written report alleging, inter alia, that about six years prior, the accused had introduced himself as an agent of a microfinance company and induced the informant to invest money on the assurance that the deposited amount would be doubled after a maturity period of five years. Acting on such representation, the informant paid a total sum of Rs.25,000/- to the accused in two instalments for deposit in the said company. It is further alleged that several other villagers had also entrusted money to the accused for the same purpose. However, despite repeated demands, the accused failed to return the invested amounts. A village meeting was convened to resolve the issue, but the same goes in vain.

5. Mr. Panda, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the co-accused who has been arrested, has already granted on regular bail. He further submits that the name of the petitioner is not mentioned in the F.I.R. Therefore, he submits instead of pressing this application, he would rather surrender before the Court



below and pray for same day decision on his bail plea on the ground of parity.

6. Regard being had to the nature of allegations against the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to grant the petitioner anticipatory bail. However, it is open for the petitioner to surrender and move application for regular bail before the trial Court. It is also open for the petitioner to raise all the grounds as has been raised in the present petition including the ground of parity. In the event the petitioner surrenders and moves application for bail, it is expected that the learned Courts below shall decide the bail application on its own merit on the same day.

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

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

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