



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.4479 of 2026

Asutosh Mohanty & others **Petitioners**

Mr. Arijeet Mishra, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**

Mr. S. Panda, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER
05.05.2026

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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 petitioners in connection with Panikoili P.S. Case No.121 of 2026 corresponding to C.T. Case No.613 of 2026 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Jajpur Road on the grounds stated therein.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. Mr. Mishra, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are Journalists by profession and the allegations in the FIR as per Annexure-1 are false as there has been no such demand by them from the informant. Gone through the contents of the FIR. The alleged demand is said to have been made by the petitioners to the informant after the death of a faculty member of their college having committed suicide. It is alleged that the petitioners in that connection allegedly demanded an amount of Rs.6,000/- from the informant leading to the lodging of the FIR. Learned ASC for the State informs to the Court that the



petitioners are having other antecedents with two cases each. Having regard to the above facts and considering the submissions of the learned counsels for the respective parties and there has been allegation of such demand of Rs.6,000/-only from the informant by the petitioners, this Court though not in favour of entertaining their bail plea but is of the view that they should be directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released with stringent conditions.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of. It is directed that in the event, the petitioners surrender before the learned J.M.F.C., Jajpur Road in connection with Panikoili P.S. Case No.121 of 2026 corresponding to C.T. Case No.613 of 2026 within a fortnight from today, they shall be released on bail subject to them furnishing a bail bond of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) each with one solvent surety for the like amount each 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, none of them shall commit any further mischief involving the informant with regard to the alleged incident and for death of the deceased faculty member of the school in question.

6. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

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(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge