



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.4959 of 2026

Karan Das

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Petitioner

Mr. Jayadeba Behera, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. S.K. Lenka, ASC

Mr. Punil Kumar Swain, Advocate for the Informant

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER

21.05.2026

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 Itamati P.S. Case No.121 of 2026 corresponding to Spl. G.R. Case No. 31 of 2026 pending in the file of learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge POCSO, Nayagarh on the grounds stated therein.
3. Recorded the submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties. Perused the F.I.R. as at Annexure-1. The case diary is submitted to the Court along with the victim's statement recorded under Section 183 BNSS. The Court finds that the victim has been subjected to harassment in the hands of the petitioner. The manner in which she has been treated and harassed by the petitioner has been described in her statement before the Magistrate. Learned counsel for the informant seriously objects the bail plea of the petitioner as he is responsible for the harassment caused to the victim, who is a



minor. The age of the victim is questioned by Mr. Behera, learned counsel for the petitioner claiming that she is a major but today, her original Birth Certificate is produced by Mr. Swain, learned counsel for the informant and it reveals her date of birth as 8th March, 2009. In any ways, the victim has not been physically abused by the petitioner though she has been threatened to viral her photograph in social media. The petitioner is a young boy aged about 19 years. Considering the above facts and submissions of learned counsel for the parties including the State and since no physical abuse is alleged, which is also ruled out with the medical examination of the victim and report submitted along with the case diary, this Court is inclined to direct the petitioner to surrender before the learned court below for being released with stringent conditions even though his bail plea is not entertained.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL petition stands disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to surrender before learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge POCSO, Nayagarh within three weeks from today and in the event, he surrenders in compliance thereof, shall be released on bail in connection with Spl. G.R. Case No. 31 of 2026 arising out of Itamati P.S. Case No.121 of 2026 on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.30,000/- (rupees thirty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the 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. It is further directed that the petitioner shall stay away



from the victim and to not cause any harm to her in any manner whatsoever while on bail and to furnish an undertaking at the P.S. in that regard. In case, any of the conditions imposed is/are violated, it is made clear that the bail granted to the petitioner shall stand automatically cancelled.

6. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Balaram

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Signed by: BALARAM BEHERA
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