



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.4898 of 2026

(1) Chitaranjan Nahak @ *Petitioner(s)*
Badal Kumar Nakak

(2) Hemanta Nahak @
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Mr. Jyotirmaya Sahoo, Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha and another *Opposite Party(s)*

Mr. Debraj Mohanty, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE SIBO SANKAR MISHRA

ORDER

05.05.2026

Order No.

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1. Heard.

2. The petitioners are seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Rambha P.S. Case No.246 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.736 of 2026 registered on the allegation of the offences under Sections 74/75/115(2)/351(2)/3(5) of B.N.S., 2023 pending in the Court of the learned J.M.F.C., Khallikote.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners, on instruction from the petitioners, submits that, except the present bail application, no other bail application of the petitioners are pending in any other Court relating to the aforesaid F.I.R.



4. The prosecution case, in brief, is that on 14.04.2026 at about 12:00 noon, the informant, along with her family members, had gone to Dandakali Temple. After darshan, while they were returning, a black-coloured car bearing Registration No. OD-07-AU-9966 stopped near them. It is alleged that at that time, the petitioners, along with other co-accused persons, caught hold of the informant and dragged her towards the car. When the informant protested, the petitioners, along with others, allegedly outraged her modesty by touching her private parts and attempted to kidnap her. It is further alleged that when the family members of the informant arrived at the spot, the accused persons assaulted them as well. Hence, this case.

5. Mr. Sahoo, learned counsel for the petitioners, drawing the attention of this Court to the allegations made in the F.I.R., submits that all the allegations are primarily directed against the co-accused, Tikilal Nahak, and no overt act has been attributed to the present petitioners. Hence, they are entitled to grant of anticipatory bail.



6. Regard being had to the nature of allegation particularly since there is no direct allegation against the petitioners, I am inclined to grant the petitioners anticipatory bail. Accordingly, it is directed that in the event the petitioners are arrested, they shall be released by the Arresting Officer subject to the verification of the criminal antecedent of similar nature. The release of the petitioners shall also be subject to the conditions that they shall cooperate with the investigation and shall appear before the I.O. as and when their presence is required for the purpose of investigation. Violation of any of the conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

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

(S.S. Mishra)
Judge

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