



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.4973 of 2026

Jaga Banasandha

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Petitioner

Mr. B.R. Tripathy, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha & another

....

Opposite Parties

Mr. S. Panda, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIK

ORDER

06.05.2026

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 Mohana P.S. Case No.55 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.104 of 2026 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Mohana on the grounds stated therein.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. A case under Section 69 BNS has been registered. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that it was a single act of sexual encounter between the parties in the year 2019, but a demand has been made by the informant for marriage, whereas, the petitioner is an Army personnel presently posted at Ladakh as per informed to the Court. Considering the allegations in the FIR, this Court is inclined to direct the petitioner and informant to go for a mediation.
4. Accordingly, it is ordered. Consequently, the parties are requested to appear before the District Legal Services Authority



(DLSA), Ganjam at Berhampur on 14th May, 2026 to receive further orders on mediation. The State is directed to intimate the informant about the date of mediation so as to enable her to appear before the DLSA in time.

5. List on 25th June, 2026 for final order upon receiving the mediation report. In the meantime, this Court, as an interim measure, in order to ensure a successful mediation directs that the petitioner shall not be taken into custody in connection with Mohana P.S. Case No.55 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.104 of 2026 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Mohana till the next date of hearing.

6. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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