



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 5024 of 2026

Rabi Bhatra

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Petitioner

Mr. Mangu Nandy, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. M.K.Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER

07.05.2026

Order No.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed seeking pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with Malkangiri P.S. Case. No. 0108 of 2026 pending in the file of learned S.D.J.M., Malkangiri corresponding to G.R. Case. No. 133 of 2026 on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. It is submitted to the Court by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is not involved in the alleged incident but apprehends arrest in the hands of the local police for having criminal antecedents. It is submitted that the petitioner is having five other antecedents but not similar in nature and under the Orissa Prevention of Gambling Act. Recorded the objection of the State. The F.I.R. at Annexure-1 reveals that the theft was committed in a dwelling house by unknown miscreants. In connection with the



alleged incident, the petitioner since having antecedents is under apprehension of arrest by the local P.S. Considering the above facts and submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties, this Court is not inclined to entertain any such plea of pre-arrest bail, however, grants the liberty to the petitioner to surrender before the learned court below seeking regular bail with the above plea and as to the absence of similar antecedent for consideration and in case of rejection, to approach the Sessions Court for orders on the same day.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of. It is further directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders within a period of fifteen days from today before the learned S.D.J.M., Malkangiri in connection with G.R. Case No.133 of 2026 and moves an application for regular bail with all such pleas advanced, it shall be entertained and disposed of and in case of rejection, he shall approach the learned Sessions Court for orders and its disposal in the light of the direction hereinabove.

6. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

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