



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 4848 of 2026

1. Gobardhan Pruseth

2. Praphulla Meher

....

Petitioners

Mr. S. Patel, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

04.05.2026

Order No.

- 01.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsel for the State.
2. The Petitioners are seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with 2(b) C.C. Case No. 01 of 2026 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C.(Rural), Sundargarh, arising out of Sundargarh Forest Range, OR Case No.01 of 2026-27 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 4/ 12 and 14 of OTT and OFPT Rules 1980 and Under Section 56 of OFA 1972.
3. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.
4. Taking into account the nature of allegations and the submissions made, it is directed that on surrendering within three weeks hence and moving for bail, the Petitioners shall be released on bail by



the learned Court in seisin on such terms as deemed just and proper subject to verification of criminal antecedent of similar nature.

5. If it comes to the fore that the Petitioners have any such criminal antecedent, this order shall not be given effect to.

6. It is needless to state that the Petitioners shall cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

7. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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