



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 4871 of 2026

***Litan @ Dama @
Chandan Rout***

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Petitioner

Mr. R.N. Panda, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. M.R. Mohanty, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

04.05.2026

Order No.

- 01.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
2. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No. 448 of 2026 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C.-1, Cuttack, arising out of Choudwar P.S. Case No.236 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 115(2)/296/324(2)/ 329(3)/ 351(3)/ 76 of BNS.
3. The allegation against the Petitioner is of assaulting and outraging the modesty of his neighbor's wife.
4. It is submitted by the learned counsel that because of ongoing civil dispute inter se between the parties, exaggerated allegations have been made. Hence, the Petitioner may be protected by pre-arrest bail.



5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail during the currency of investigation.

6. Taking into account the nature of allegations, this Court directs that on surrendering within three weeks hence and moving for bail, the Petitioner 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.

7. If it comes to the fore that the Petitioner has any such criminal antecedent, this order shall not be given effect to.

8. Additionally, it is directed that the Petitioner shall appear before the jurisdictional police station once every week on such date and time to be fixed by the learned Court in seisin till submission of final form. Certification of such appearance shall be submitted to the learned Court in seisin.

9. It is further directed that Petitioner shall not in any way try to intimidate the Informant and/or his family.

10. It shall be open for the Prosecution/Informant to seek variance of this order in the event there is any threat perception.

11. It is needless to state that the Petitioner shall cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

12. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

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(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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