



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 6502 of 2026

1. Arpita Samal **Petitioners**
2. Nabendra Samal @
Nabendra Kumar
Samal
3. Soumya Ranjan
Samal
4. Babul Samal
5. Rajesh Samal @
Rajesh Kumar Samal
6. Nitish Behura @
Nitish Kumar Behura
7. Girish Behura @
Girish Kumar Behura
8. Ritik Roshan Barik
9. Sanjay Kumar
Routray

Mr. P. K. Routray, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha **....** **Opposite Party**

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

17.06.2026

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- 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 GR Case No.290 of 2026 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C., Mahanga, arising out of Bhadreswar P.S. Case No.122 of 2026, for



commission of offences punishable under Sections 296/ 351(2)/ 304(2)/ 115(2)/ 3(5) of BNS, 2023.

3. It is submitted by learned counsel for the Petitioner that to wriggle out of the allegations of the counter-FIR, the Petitioners have been falsely implicated in the case at hand and exaggerated allegations have made regarding the assault. Hence, they may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

4. It is claimed that the genesis of the allegations is on account the legitimate complaint, which have been raised against one Anganawadi Worker before the DSW, Cuttack, and the Petitioners have been falsely framed.

5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail, since the investigation is at a nascent stage.

6. Taking into account the counter-FIR and the background in which the same has been levelled as noted, this Court directs that on surrendering within three weeks hence and moving for bail, the Petitioners shall be released on bail by the learned Court in seisin subject to verification of the nature of the injury.

7. If it comes to the fore that the injured has suffered any grievous injury, this order shall not be given effect to.



8. Additionally, it is directed that the Petitioners shall not try to intimidate or threaten the informant and his family.

Liberty is granted to the Prosecution/Informant to seek variance of this order, if there is any threat perception.

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

10. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Vacation Judge