



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 6516 of 2026

Gita Swain @ Gitanjali Swain ***Petitioner***

Mr. B. Samantaray, Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha ***Opposite Party***

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

ABLAPL No. 6518 of 2026

Banti Swain @ Debadutta Swain ***Petitioner***

Mr. B. Samantaray, Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha ***Opposite Party***

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

17.06.2026

Order No.

- 01.** 1. Since both the ABLAPLs relate to the same FIR, on the consent of the learned counsel for the parties, they are taken up together and disposed of by this common order
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
3. The Petitioners are seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.148 of 2021 pending



in the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Ranpur arising out of Ranpur P.S. Case No.90 of 2021 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 147/ 148/ 324/ 307/ 506/ 149 of IPC.

4. Admittedly, the Petitioners were before this Court as Petitioner Nos.4 and 5 (Gita Swain and Debadutta Swain @ Bansi Swain respectively) in ABLAPL No.6524 of 2025 by order dated 12.12.2025 while not entertaining their prayer for pre-arrest bail, this court directed that on surrendering within one month their application shall be considered on its own merit.

5. Learned counsel for the Petitioners submitted that because of overwhelming circumstances, the Petitioners could not aware of such order hence, the said application.

6. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.

7. Taking into account the nature of allegation and the earlier order passed by this Court, this Court is not inclined to entertain these applications for pre-arrest bail. However, it is directed that the Petitioners may surrender before the learned J.M.F.C., Ranpur, in connection with the aforementioned case within one month from today.



In the event of such surrender and motion for bail, the same be considered by the learned J.M.F.C., Ranpur, on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned J.M.F.C., Ranpur, the Petitioners are at liberty to move the higher forum for bail in the second hour on the same day.

8. On being so moved, the higher forum is requested to make an endeavor to dispose of the bail application of the Petitioners on the same day.

The case diary be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioner and learned J.M.F.C., Ranpur, is called upon to transmit the case record to the higher forum at the earliest in the event of rejection of such bail application by him.

9. Accordingly, the ABLAPL is disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Vacation Judge