



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 6541 of 2026

Priyabrata Behera ***Petitioner***

Mr. A. Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ***Opposite Party***

Mr. S. Panda, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

17.06.2026

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 C.T. Case. No.823 of 2026 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C., Jajpur Road, Jajpur, arising out of Panikoili P.S. Case. No.169 of 2026, for commission of offences punishable under Sections 316(4)/ 318(4)/ 338/ 336(3)/ 61(2)/ 3(5) of B.N.S., 2023.
3. The allegation against the Petitioner is that he as an employee of Krupalu Rice Industries Pvt. Ltd. indulges in falsification of procurement record, thereby accepting rejected paddy as confirming to the prescribed Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms.
4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.



5. Considering the nature of allegations and the same being based on documentary evidence, this Court is persuaded to hold that custodial interrogation of the Petitioner is not warranted.

Hence, it is directed 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.

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

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

8. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Vacation Judge

Santoshi