



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 6532 of 2026

Damayanti Malik

....

Petitioner

Mr. A. Bhoi, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. S.K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

17.06.2026

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- 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.858 of 2025 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C., Basudevpur, arising out of Basudevpur PS FIR No.540 of 2025, for commission of offences punishable under Sections 109(1)/115(2)/ 3(5)/ 351(3)/ 85/ 89 of BNS, 2023.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the Petitioner is the elder sister-in-law of the victim and considering the nature of allegation, she may be released on pre-arrest bail.
4. It is further submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner, on instruction, that the husband has since been released on bail post-arrest.
5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.



6. Attention of this Court is drawn to the order of this Court dated 12.08.2025 in ABLAPL No.9162 of 2025 wherein, the in-laws were directed to be released on bail on surrendering.
7. It is stated that the Petitioner is at all fours with the said co-accused.
8. Considering the nature of allegations, 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.
9. It is needless to state that the Petitioner shall cooperate with the ongoing investigation.
10. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Vacation Judge

Santoshi