



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.7346 of 2026

Ratha Sahu

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Petitioner

Mr. S. Dwibedi, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. S.K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER

06.07.2026

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1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned ASC for the State.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed for pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with Belpada P.S. Case No.140 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.576 of 2026 pending in the file of learned S.D.J.M., Patnagarh on the grounds stated therein.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. The FIR reveals that the petitioner is alleged to have collected deposits and misappropriated the same. The amount of misappropriation is mentioned therein. Mr. Dwibedi, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in the meantime, the petitioner made certain deposits. Recorded the objection of the State with reference to the FIR. Since the balance amount is payable and the petitioner is required to deposit the same, this Court, recording the submission of learned counsel for the petitioner that he was engaged on contractual basis and was a Supervisor



at the relevant point of time, though not inclined to entertain his bail plea, however, is of the view that he should be directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released with suitable conditions imposed including a cash security.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL stands disposed of. It is directed that in the event, the petitioner surrenders before the learned S.D.J.M., Patnagarh in connection with Belpada P.S. Case No.140 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.576 of 2026 within a period of three weeks from today, he shall be released on bail subject to him furnishing a bail bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court below, which shall be at liberty to impose such other suitable conditions as deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case. It is further directed that such release of the petitioner shall also be subject to a cash surety deposit of Rs.4 lac within the above stipulated period before the learned court below to be kept in an interest bearing account with a Nationalized Bank for a period of one year, disbursement of which, shall be subject to the final decision in G.R. Case No. 576 of 2026. Till the time of such surrender, there shall be no coercive action against the petitioner in the case.

6. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge