



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 8303 of 2025

Sriram Meher

...

Petitioner

Mr. B. Maharatha, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. S. Panda, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

14.08.2025

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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.774/2022 pending on the file of learned S.D.J.M, Nuapada arising out of Nuapada P.S. Case No.239 of 2022 for commission of offences punishable under Section 370(3)/ 294/ 374/ 34 of I.P.C, r/w Sec.25 of Inter State Migrant Workmen.

3. The allegation against the present Petitioner is that the Petitioner as a co-labour, played active role in alluring other co-workers to work in Telangana.

4. In terms of the direction of this Court regarding the wellbeing of the workers, it is brought



to the notice of this Court that one of the workers has expired and whereabouts of another is not known.

5. Considering the same, this Court is not inclined to entertain the application for pre-arrest bail. However, it is directed that the Petitioner may surrender before the learned S.D.J.M, Nuapada in connection with the aforementioned case within one month from today.

In the event of his surrender and motion for bail, the same be considered by the learned S.D.J.M, Nuapada on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned S.D.J.M, Nuapada, the Petitioner is at liberty to move the higher forum for bail in the second hour on the same day.

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

The case diary shall be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioner and learned S.D.J.M, Nuapada is called upon to transmit the case record to the higher forum in the second hour



expeditiously in the event of rejection of the bail application by him.

Ground of parity, if any, may be considered by the learned court(s) below.

7. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.
8. U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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