



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.7502 of 2026

Pruthiraj Pradhan & others **Petitioners**

Mr. A. Mishra, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Party**

Mr. M.K. Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAIAK

ORDER

09.07.2026

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1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and State.
2. Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 BNSS by the petitioners seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Chhendipada P.S. Case No.163 of 2026 corresponding to G.R. Case No.464 of 2026 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Chhendipada on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the FIR as at Annexure-1. Recorded the submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties. It is claimed that the petitioners were part of a protest opposing transportation of heavy vehicles through their village. The news clips on the protest by the villagers are submitted to the Court with such claim. It is also claimed that the petitioners are not responsible for any such demand of money from the truck drivers and the allegations in the FIR are, therefore, totally false. Recorded the objection of Mr. Mohanty, learned ASC for the State. On being asked, it is informed to the Court that the petitioners are having one more antecedent each but it was again, while lodging protest for the heavy vehicular movements



through their village. Referring to the Government of India's Circular issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, it is further submitted that there is no environmental clearance for plying of the heavy vehicles in the area, hence, while protesting the same, the alleged incident took place, hence, the allegations in the FIR are totally false. Recording the submissions as above and objection of the State, though a case for pre-arrest bail is not made out, this Court is inclined to direct the petitioners to surrender before the learned court below for being released with conditions.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. It is further directed that in the event, the petitioners surrender before the learned J.M.F.C., Chhendipada in connection with G.R. Case No.464 of 2026 corresponding to Chhendipada P.S. Case No.163 of 2026 within a fortnight from today, they shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/-(rupees ten thousand) each with one solvent surety for the like amount each with such other conditions imposed and also to furnish an undertaking at the local PS not to cause any such further mischief in future and to co-operate the IO in the investigation till it is closed.

6. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge