



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 9111 of 2025

**1. Prakash Malia
2. Pintu Behera**

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Petitioners

Mr. A.P. Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. S. Panda, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

12.08.2025

Order No.

- 01.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsel for the State.
2. The Petitioners are seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.404 of 2025 pending on the file of learned S.D.J.M.(S), Cuttack arising out of Lalbag P.S. Case No.184 of 2025 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 25(1)(a) of Arms Act read with Section 310(4)/310(5) of BNS.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioners that the co-accused have since been released on bail in terms of the order 30.07.2025 in ABLAPL No.5590 of 2025. Hence, on the ground of parity, Petitioners seek release on pre-arrest bail.



4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail, inter alia, on the ground that one of the accused persons was taken to custody.

5. On perusal of the order referred to herein above, it is seen that after taking note of the same the co-accused were directed to surrender and release on bail.

6. Accordingly, this Court directs that on surrendering within three weeks hence and moving for bail, the Petitioners 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.

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

8. It is needless to state that the Petitioners shall cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

9. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

10. U.C.C. as per rules.

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(V. NARASINGH)
Judge