



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.9648 of 2025

Ashok Kumar Behera* *Petitioners

Mr. K. Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

***1. State of Odisha* *Opposite Parties*
*2. Informant***

Mr. S. Panda, ASC

Mr. R.N. Rout, Advocate
(Informant)

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

21.08.2025

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- 01.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioners and learned counsels for the State as well as Informant.
2. The Petitioners are seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Special Case No.225 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned Special Judge (POCSO Court), Balasore, arising out of Soro P.S. Case No.591 of 2025 for alleged commission of offence punishable under Sections 126(2)/75/351(3)/296/3(5) of BNS, 2023 r/w Sec 8 of the POCSO Act.
3. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.



4. This Court perused the statement under Section 180 of BNSS, on which reliance was placed by the learned counsel for the Informant.

5. Considering the same, this Court is not inclined to entertain the application for pre-arrest bail. However, in the event the Petitioners surrender before the learned Court in seisin in the aforesaid case and move an application for their release on bail, the same shall be considered on its own merit.

6. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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