



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.9687 of 2025

Kedarswar Pradhan

Petitioner

Mr. J. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

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Opposite Party

Mr. S.N. Das, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER
20.08.2025

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- 02.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
2. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.182 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned NGN-cum-JMFC, Tangi, arising out of Tangi P.S. Case No.202 of 2025 for commission of offence punishable under Sections 61(2) / 111(3) / 223 / 293 / 303(2) / 317(2) / 329(3) / 296 / 335 / 270 / 280 / 109(1) / 3(5) of B.N.S.,2023, r/w Section 15 of Environment Act, 1986, Section 39 of Air Prevention and Control of Pollution Act, 1981, Section 21(1) of Mines, Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and Section 51 of Odisha Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the present Petitioner was before this Court in ABLAPL



No.5161 of 2025 and this Court by order dated 22.07.2025 directed him to surrender and be release on bail subject to verification of criminal antecedent of similar nature.

4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that inadvertently it could not be brought to the notice of this Court that the present Petitioner has one criminal antecedent of similar nature i.e. Tangi P.S. Case No. 118 of 2020, U/s 294 / 323 / 341 / 506 / 34 of I.P.C. Hence, this application.

5. It is further submitted that non-mentioning of the criminal antecedent is bonafide. Hence, the Petitioner may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

6. Learned counsel for the State opposes such prayer.

7. Taking into account the nature of allegations, it is directed that on surrendering within three weeks hence and moving for bail, the Petitioner shall be released on bail by the learned Court in seisin on such terms as deemed just and proper.

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

9. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

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(V. NARASINGH)
Judge