



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.12258 of 2025

Jitender Kumar @ ***Petitioner***
Jitendra Kumar Mahato
Mr. S. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ***Opposite Party***
Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER
06.11.2025

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- 01.** 1. Mr. Sahoo, learned counsel submits that he has entered appearance on behalf of the Petitioner by obtaining no objection certificate from the previous counsel. The vakalatanama filed in Court is taken on record.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
3. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with C.T Case No.3636 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M, Balasore, arising out Khantapada P.S. Case No.290 of 2025 for commission of offence punishable under Section 316(2) of BNS.
4. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the rice bags which were loaded in the vehicle belonging to the



Petitioner did not reach its destination. Hence, the Petitioner has been cited as an accused.

5. It is further submitted that the Petitioner is the owner of the vehicle and has no complicity in the alleged crime. Hence, he may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

6. It is stated that the offence being committed by the driver of the vehicle who is the co-accused, the Petitioner ought not to be held responsible for the alleged crime.

7. Learned counsel for the State opposes such prayer.

8. Taking into account the nature of allegation and the role ascribed, 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 subject to verification of criminal antecedent of similar nature.

9. If it comes to fore that the Petitioner has criminal antecedent of similar nature, this order shall not be given effect to.

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

11. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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