



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.12135 of 2025

Ramnarayan Bal

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Petitioner (s)

Mr. S.C. Mohapatra,
Senior Advocate along with
associates
Mr. Subham Satapathy,
Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

.....

Opposite Party(s)

Ms. Gayatri Patra, ASC
Mr. Satya Smruti Mohanty,
Advocate for Informant

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

19.02.2026

I.A. No.127 of 2026

Order No.

04.

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. This I.A. has been filed by the Petitioner for extension of the interim bail passed by this Court vide order dated 30.01.2026 in I.A. No.86 of 2026.
3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner was earlier granted interim bail vide order dated 30.01.2026 passed by this Court, which is going to be expired on 20.02.2026. The Petitioner is suffering from an emergency situation due to the birth of a premature baby

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and certain medical complicity has been arisen. The said



situation requires the presence of the petitioner before the hospital to save the child. The newborn child was kept in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (in short "NICU") for a period of 12 days, under constant medical supervision and critical care. After discharging from the NICU, the child is required continuous specialized medical treatment. From 14.02.2026 to 16.02.2026, the treating doctor continued post-NICU treatment and monitoring. But, on 16.02.2026, considering the fragile condition of the premature newborn, the child was referred to a higher Pediatric Super-Specialist Hospital, i.e. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Post Graduate Institute of Pediatrics, Cuttack, for advanced and urgent treatment of severe pneumonia. Hence, the Petitioner prays for extension of the interim bail granted earlier for a further period of four weeks time from today.

4. Learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State as well as the learned counsel for the Informant strongly objected to the prayer for extension of interim bail on the ground that the Petitioner has four criminal antecedents to his credit i.e.

i. Bhadrak Town Police Station (Bhadrak

District) case No.264 dt.25.09.2016 U/s

381/406/408/420 IPC. The case has been

charge sheeted.

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ii. Colliery Police Station (Angul District)

case No.372 dt.29.06.2024 U/s 3(5)/318(4)/336(2)/340(2) of BNS. The case is pending investigation.

iii. Bhadrak Town Police Station (Bhadrak

District) case No.567 dt.21.09.2025 U/s 5 of Orissa Fire Works and Louder Speaker (Regulation) Act, 1958/221/292/296/3(5) of BNS/182/of MV Act. The case has been charge sheeted.

iv. Baisinga Police station (Mayurbhanj

District) case No.103 dt.28.05.2019 U/s 408/420 IPC. Charge sheeted showing accused Ramanarayan Bal as 'Absconder'.

Hence, learned counsel for the State submits that the Petitioner does not deserve any sympathy from the Court.

5. Upon hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner and on going through the averments made in this I.A, and the grounds taken in the application, this Court is swayed by the sympathy factum to the cause of the present Petitioner and not deciding the matter on merit. It is purely an interim arrangement for the wellbeing of the newborn

baby who is suffering from pneumonia and admitted in



6. Accordingly, the period of interim bail granted in terms of the order dated 30.01.2026 passed by this Court in I.A. No.86 of 2026 is hereby extended for a further period of four weeks with effect from today for attending the newborn baby. This prayer of the Petitioner is granted purely on humanitarian ground.

7. Further, the Petitioner is directed to appear before the I.I.C., Lalbag Police Station on every alternative day between 9.00 a.m. to 10 a.m. during the period of interim bail. The Petitioner is also directed to surrender before the Court in seisin over the case after expiry of the period of interim bail without fail.

8. The I.A stands disposed of, accordingly.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

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