



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No. 14084 of 2025

Kalia @ Kalim @ Ajim @ ***Petitioner***
Azam Khan

Mr. S. K. Rout, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ***Opposite Party***

Mr. S.N. Das, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

17.12.2025

Order No.

- 01.** 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.
2. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with C.T. (SPL) POCSO Case No.03 of 2024 pending on the file of learned A.D.J.-Cum-Special Court under POCSO Act, Dhenkanal, arising out of Sadar P.S. Case No.580 of 2022 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 363, 366, 376(2)(n), 120(b), 109 and 34 of IPC read with Section 6/7 of POCSO Act.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the Petitioner was before this Court in ABLAPL No.15704 of 2022 and vide order dated 08.05.2025 liberty was given to the Petitioner to surrender and move for bail.
4. It is further submitted by the learned counsel that at the relevant time the offences were under Sections 363/34 of IPC, but subsequently while filing



charge sheet the offence under Section 6/7 of POCSO Act has been arrayed and the charge sheet has been filed under Sections 363, 366, 376(2)(n), 120(b), 109 and 34 of IPC read with Section 6/7 of POCSO Act.

In such view of the matter, the Petitioner submits that there is apprehension of arrest.

5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.

6. Taking into account the allegations relating to POCSO, learned counsel for the Petitioner is requested to serve an extra copy of the brief on the learned counsel for the State by 22.12.2025, who is requested to serve the notice on the informant through the I.O. indicating that the matter shall be taken up on 02.02.2026.

7. List this matter on 02.02.2026. Learned counsel for the State is called upon to obtain the Case Diary in the meanwhile.

8. As an interim measure, it is directed that the Petitioner shall not be taken into custody in connection with the aforesaid case, till the next date.

In the event extra is not served on the learned counsel for the State, as directed, the interim order shall stand vacated.

9. It is needless to say that the Petitioner shall cooperate with the Investigating Agency.



10. Copy of this order be made over to the learned counsel for the State to do the needful.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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