



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 14015 of 2025

Ranjan Kumar Sahoo* *Petitioner

Mr. B.B. Swain, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha* *Opposite Party

Mr. S. Panda, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

16.12.2025

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 G.R. (Cog.) No.1506 of 2025 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C. (City), Talcher, arising out of Gopalprasad P.S. Case No.313 of 2025 for commission of offences punishable under Section 52(a)(i) of the Odisha Excise (Amendment) Act, 2016.
3. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.
4. 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 subject to verification of criminal antecedent of similar nature.



5. If it comes to the fore that the Petitioner has any such criminal antecedent, this order shall not be given effect to.

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

7. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

Ayesha