



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.13618 of 2025

***Aruna Kumbhar @
Arun*** ***Petitioner***

Mr. S. S. Ray(2), Advocate
-versus-

State of Odisha ***Opposite Party***

Mr. C. R. Swain, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

**Order
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08.12.2025**

- 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. Case No.757 of 2025 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C., Kantabanji, arising out of Kantabanji P.S. Case No.412 of 2025 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 143(2)/ 143(3)/ 3(5)/ 318(2) of BNS, 2023 read with Section 25 of Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979.
3. The allegation against the present Petitioner is that he connived with other accused persons in committing an offence under Section 25 of Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979.



4. It is stated that the basis of the accusation is on account of the co-accused statement and the Petitioner does not have any criminal proclivity. Hence, the Petitioner may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail on the ground that investigation is in progress and there is nothing on record to indicate that none of the migrant workers have suffered any injury.

6. Taking into account the nature of allegations and the punishment prescribed, this Court directs 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.

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

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

9. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge