



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 13685 of 2025

**Mohammad Meraj @ Md.
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Petitioner

Mr. S.R. Panda ,Advocate

-versus-

State of Orissa

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Opposite Party

Mr. S.K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

**ORDER
08.12.2025**

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- 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.47 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C, Telkoi, arising out of Telkoi P.S. Case No.50 of 2025 for commission of offence punishable under Sections 303(2)/ 317(2)/ 109/111(3)/ 325/ 3(5) of BNS, read with Section 11(1)(d) Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 & 7(1) Cow Slaughter Act, 1980.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the Petitioner has been arrayed as accused on account of their criminal proclivity. Hence, the Petitioner may be protected by pre-arrest bail.



4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail and submits that because of the criminal antecedents of the Petitioner, he ought not to be released on bail.

5. Taking into account the nature of allegations and the manner in which the Petitioner sought to be implicated, this Court is persuaded to hold that custodial interrogation of the Petitioner is not warranted. Hence, 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.

6. Additionally, it is directed that the Petitioner shall appear before the jurisdictional police station once every week on such date and time to be fixed by the learned Court in seisin till submission of final form. Certification of such appearance shall be submitted to the Court in seisin.

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

8. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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