



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No.13945 of 2025

Panchanan Bera

.... ***Petitioner***

Mr. P.K. Sahoo, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

.... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. S. Panda, ASC
Mr. S.N. Mishra-4, Advocate
(Informant)

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

15.12.2025

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1. Mr. Mishra-4, learned counsel has entered appearance on behalf of the Informant by filing Vakalatanama in Court. The same is taken on record.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner, learned counsel for the State and learned counsel for the Informant.
3. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.1104 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Basudevpur, arising out of Naikandihi P.S. Case No.243 of 2025 for commission of offence punishable under Sections 85/352/318(4)/356(2) of BNS read with Section 67/67(A) of the Information Technology Act.
4. It is submitted by the learned counsel that even if the entire allegations of the prosecution is



accepted at its face value, the allegation is against the son of the Petitioner and the Petitioner has been arrayed as an accused only because he is the father of the principal accused. Hence, he may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

5. Such submission is vehemently opposed by the learned counsel for the State as well as the Informant.

6. It is further submitted that the releasing the Petitioner on pre-arrest bail at this stage would derail the ongoing investigation.

7. Considering the nature of allegation qua the Petitioner who is aged about 63 years, 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.

8. It is made clear that the order passed in respect of the present Petitioner shall not be treated as a precedent in respect of the co-accused.

9. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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