



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.115 of 2026

Gobinda Kahanra

....

Petitioner

Mr. D. Mohapatra, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. S. N. Das, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER

25.03.2026

Order No.

04.

1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed seeking pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with C.T.(N) Case No.61 of 2025 arising out of Phulbani Sadar P.S. Case No.67 of 2025 pending in the file of learned Special Judge, Phulbani on the grounds stated.
3. Perused the F.I.R. as at Annexure-1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present accused is the owner of the alleged vehicle, which was carrying contraband Ganja, when it was intercepted by the local police. The above claim is corroborated with an enquiry by the police during investigation, so revealed from the case diary produced at the time of hearing by learned counsel for the State. The recovery and seizure relate to 29 Kgs of Ganja allegedly made from the co-accused persons, who are stated to be on bail. Being the owner of the



alleged vehicle, the petitioner has been chargesheeted. It is submitted that under the above circumstances, the petitioner should be allowed to go on bail. Since the petitioner happens to be the owner of the vehicle, a Swift Desire and there is closure of investigation, this Court though not inclined to grant him pre-arrest bail, directs his release upon surrender before the learned court below subject to conditions.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, the ABLAPL is disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. In the event, the petitioner surrender before the court of learned Special Judge, Phulbani within a fortnight from today, it is directed that he shall be released on bail in connection with C.T.(N) Case No.61 of 2025 arising out of Phulbani Sadar P.S. Case No.67 of 2025 on furnishing a bail bond of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount with such other conditions imposed by the court below as deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

6. Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Sumitra