



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 14601 of 2025

Suresh Singh

....

Petitioner

Mr. S.K. Jena, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. S.K. Lenka, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

23.12.2025

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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 C.T.(Spl.). Case No.88 of 2025 pending on the file of learned District and Sessions Judge, Bargarh, arising out of Bhatil P.S. Case No.271 of 2025 for commission of offences punishable under Section 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that since allegedly the contraband to the tune of 2Kg 421gm (Ganja) was recovered from a Bolero vehicle bearing Registration No.CG-13 AL-5175 of which admittedly the Petitioner is the owner, he is apprehending arrest.
4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that admittedly the vehicle was discovered as abandoned without being lock and only because



the Petitioner is the owner, there being no other connecting material to implicate the Petitioner, he may be protected by pre-arrest bail more so since he has no criminal antecedent.

5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.

6. Taking into account the nature of allegations and the manner of implication, 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.

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

8. Additionally, it is directed that the Petitioners 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 learned Court in seisin.

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

10. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge