



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.14829 of 2025

Rudra Pratap Padhi

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Petitioner

Mr. B. Nayak, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mrs. Siva Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER

10.03.2026

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1. Heard learned counsels for the respective parties.
2. Instant petition under Section 482 BNSS is filed for pre-arrest bail of the petitioner in connection with Bari, Ramachandrapur P.S. Case No.375 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No.154 of 2025 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Bari on the grounds stated therein.
3. The petitioner had earlier approached this Court in ABLAPL No.12128 of 2025 disposed of on 29th October, 2025 directing him to surrender before the learned court below for being released subject to verification of criminal antecedent of similar nature. Mr. Nayak, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present accused is having two more criminal cases and hence, he has not availed the order in the ABLAPL. The details of the criminal cases against the petitioner are pleaded on record. The petitioner is a journalist and the dispute is over a Web Channel and in the same name run by the



informant. Considering the nature of allegations revealed and since the petitioner had been allowed to go on bail upon surrender, this Court, recording the objection of learned counsel for the State, is of the view that he should be directed to surrender for being released on such terms and conditions without insisting any further enquiry on his antecedents.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered.

5. In the result, ABLAPL stands disposed of with the direction as aforesaid. It is further directed that upon surrender before the court of learned J.M.F.C., Bari within a fortnight from today, the petitioner shall be released on bail in connection with Bari, Ramachandrapur P.S. Case No.375 of 2025 corresponding to C.T. Case No.154 of 2025 subject to him furnishing a bail bond of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand) with one solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned court below, which shall be at liberty to impose such other suitable conditions as deemed just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

6. Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge

Sumitra