



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 1179 of 2026

Santosh Kumar Pati @ Santosh Pati **Petitioner**

Mr. S. K. Behera, Advocate

-Versus-

State of Odisha **Opposite Parties**

Mrs. S. Mohanty, ASC

CORAM:
MR. JUSTICE R.K. PATTANAİK

ORDER
26.02.2026

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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 G.R. Case.765 of 2025 pending in the file of learned J.M.F.C., Aul arising out of Aul P.S. Case No.299 of 2025 on the grounds stated.
3. Gone through the FIR as at Annexure-1. The petitioner had earlier approached this Court in ABLAPL No.12197 of 2025 disposed of on 30th October, 2025, a copy of which, is at Flag-A and was directed to surrender before the learned court below for being released but subject to verification of criminal antecedent. Since the petitioner is having one more criminal case of similar nature and in total, two, he could not comply the order in the ABLAPL and hence, moved this Court once again.



The submission is that the petitioner is not involved in the alleged theft which has been committed by the co-accused. The claim is that the vehicle of the petitioner was used for the alleged theft. Recorded the submission of Mrs. Mohanty, learned ASC for the State. The petitioner was allowed to go on bail but he is having antecedents. Considering the above facts and the claim that he had no knowledge or connivance with the co-accused, this Court is inclined to reiterate the view earlier expressed and to direct him to surrender before the learned court below for being released on bail with suitable 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 surrenders before the court of learned J.M.F.C., Aul within a fortnight from today, it is directed that he shall be released on bail in connection with G.R. Case.765 of 2025 corresponding to Aul P.S. Case No.299 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 as deemed just and proper and in the facts and circumstances of the case subject to verification and absence of not more than two criminal cases besides the present.

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

(R.K. Pattanaik)
Judge