IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 6637 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010428592026

Saroj Kumar Sahoo @ Muna Sahoo .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. P.C. Jena, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha .... ***Opposite Party***

Mr. C.R. Swain, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

11.09.2026

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02. 1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.284 of 2026 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C., Odapada arising out of Motanga P.S. Case No.199 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 111(2)(3)/ 111(4)/ 310(2)/ 317(3)/ 351(2)/ 61(2) of the BNS and Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 read with Section 51 of the Orissa Minor Mineral Concession Rule, 2016.

3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that because of the conflicting business interest, the Petitioner has been falsely implicated. Hence, he may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

4. It is further submitted that making similar allegations, Petitioner has been cited as an accused in number of cases.

5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail and submits that since Petitioner has criminal antecedents, he ought not to be released on pre-arrest bail.

6. Taking into account the nature of allegation and the punishment prescribed, 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 antecedents other than the similar nature.

7. In the event the Petitioner has any criminal antecedents other than the similar nature, this order shall not be given effect to.

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

9. Additionally it is directed that the Petitioner shall appear before the jurisdictional police station once a month on such date and time to be fixed by the learned Court in seisin. Certification of such appearance shall be submitted to the learned Court in seisin.

10. Any violation of the condition shall entail cancellation in accordance with law.

11. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of. U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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