IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.9195 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010570182026

Gourahari Mandal …. ***Petitioner***
Mr.P.K. Sahoo, Petitioner

-versus-

State of Odisha (Vigilance) …. ***Opposite Party***
Mr.M.S. Rizvi,
Counsel for the Vigilance

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

Order No. **ORDER**
09.09.2026

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

2. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with VGR Case No.19 of 2026 pending on the file of learned Special Judge (Vigilance), Cuttack arising out of Katak Vigilance Cell P.S. Case No.05 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 13(2) read with section 13(1)(a) of P.C. Act and sections 406/409/120-B of the IPC.

3. It is submitted by learned counsel for the Petitioner that since the Petitioner has joined the investigation and taking into account the nature of allegations, his custodial interrogation is not warranted. Hence, he may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

4. Learned Counsel for the Vigilance, while not opposing such submission of the Petitioner joining the investigation, he ought not to be protected by pre-arrest bail.

5. Considering the rival submissions, 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.

6. It is needless to state that the Petitioner shall cooperate with the on going investigation. Liberty is granted to the Vigilance Department to seek variance of the order in the event the Petitioner does not extend the desire cooperation.

7. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

(V. Narasingh)
Judge

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