IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 9958 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010647292026

P Manoj Reddy @ Kuna Reddy .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. C. Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER
10.09.2026

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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 C.T. Case No.1956 of 2026 pending in the Court of learned JMFC-V, Bhubaneswar, arising out of Airport P.S. Case No.357 of 2026 for commission of offence punishable under Sections 296, 115(2), 351(2), 308(2) of BNS.

3. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer, inter alia, on the ground that prima facie the material clearly establish the complicity of the Petitioner and in this context, he draws the attention of this Court to the statement of the shopkeeper, it is also

stated that the Petitioner has following criminal antecedent apart from the case at hand: "i. Airport P.S. Case No. 295 of 2025,

U/s-308(5)/ 309(4)/ 351(2)/ 115(2)/ 3(5) of BNS.

ii. Airport P.S. Case No.296 of 2025,

U/s-308(5)/296/351(2)/324(4)/3(5) of BNS."

4. Per contra, it is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that because of the criminal antecedent, he has been falsely implicated.

5. Taking into account the nature of allegations and the criminal antecedent which are of similar nature including under the Arms act, this Court is not inclined to entertain the application for pre-arrest bail. However, it is directed that the Petitioner may surrender before the learned JMFC-V, Bhubaneswar in connection with the aforementioned case within one month from today.

In the event of his surrender and motion for bail, the same be considered by the learned JMFC-V, Bhubaneswar on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned JMFC-V, Bhubaneswar, the Petitioner is at liberty to move the higher forum for bail in the second hour on the same day.

6. On being so moved, the higher forum is requested to make an endeavour to dispose of the bail application of the Petitioner on the same day on merit in accordance with law. `

The case diary shall be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioner and learned JMFC-V, Bhubaneswar is called upon to transmit the case record to the higher forum at the earliest in the event of rejection of such bail application.

Ground of Parity, if any, may be considered by the learned court (s) below.

7. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of. U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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