IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 10278 of 2026

CNR No. ODHC010659772026

Sidharth @ Sidhartha Sankar Nayak .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. A. Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. C.R. Swain, AGA

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

10.09.2026

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01. 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.313 of 2026 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C.-IV, Bhubaneswar arising out of Badagad P.S. Case No.180 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Section 318(2)/319(1)/318(4)/336(3)/338/3(5) of BNS, 2023.

3. The allegation against the Petitioner is that at his behest there was impersonation in execution of a sale deed.

4. It is submitted that the FIR in question has been instituted by the Sub-Registrar and the purchaser Ranjan Kumar Swain is in custody.

5. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that one of the co-accused Krushna Chandra Behera has since been enlarged on pre-arrest bail by order dated 12.05.2026 in ABLAPL No.5106 of 2026. Hence, on the ground of parity, the Petitioner may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

6. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail.

7. This Court finds force in the submission of the learned counsel for the State that ex-facie the Petitioner is not similarly circumstanced and it has also come to the fore that the Petitioner has criminal antecedents one of which is of similar in nature.

8. Considering the rival submission, this Court is not inclined to entertain the application for pre-arrest bail. However, it is directed that Petitioner may surrender before the learned J.M.F.C.-IV, 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 J.M.F.C.-IV, Bhubaneswar on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned J.M.F.C.-IV, Bhubaneswar, the

Petitioner is at liberty to move the higher forum for bail in the second hour on the same day.

9. On being so moved, the higher forum is requested to make an endeavor to dispose of the bail application of the Petitioner on the same day.

The case diary shall be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioner and learned J.M.F.C.-IV, 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.

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

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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