IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No. 10233 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010661882026

Sanjit Kumar Panda .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. S.C. Atabudhi, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. A.K. Pati, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

09.09.2026

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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.1626 of 2025 pending on the file of the learned J.M.F.C.-III (Cog.Taking), Bhubaneswar arising out of Nayapalli P.S. Case No.807 of 2025, for commission of offences punishable under section 310(2) of BNS.

3. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that it's a case of false implication. Hence, the Petitioner may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

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

5. During the course of hearing, it has come to the fore that there is money trail to the Petitioner's account.

6. Considering the same and that the co-accused persons were taken to custody though released, this Court is not inclined to entertain the ABLAPL. However, it is directed that the Petitioner may surrender before the learned J.M.F.C.-III (Cog. Taking), 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.-III (Cog. Taking), 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.-III (Cog. Taking), Bhubaneswar, the Petitioner is at liberty to move the higher forum for bail in the second hour on the same day.

7. 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 be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioner and learned J.M.F.C.-III (Cog. Taking), 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.

8. Learned Court in seisin is requested to verify criminal antecedent of similar nature and the injury report. If it comes to the fore that the Petitioner has

any such criminal antecedent and the injured has suffered any grievous injury, this order shall not be given effect to.

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

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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