IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.10312 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010667592026

Sipu @ Sharada Prasad Panda .... ***Petitioner***

Mr.Sangram Dalua, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr.A.K. Pati, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

Order No. **ORDER**
10.09.2026

021 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.426 of 2026, arising out Derabish P.S. Case No.190 of 2026 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C.-(CT), Kendrapara for commission of offences punishable under Sections 143(2) of BNS, 2023 read with Sections 3/4/5/6/7 of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

3. The allegation against the Petitioner is that his house hired for commission of the offences.

4. It is submitted by the Petitioner that taking into account the nature of allegations, he may be protected

by pre-arrest bail. In this context, he relies on the observations made by the leaned Additional Sessions Judge, Kendrapara in order dated 05.08.2026 passed in BLAPL No.221 of 2026, while releasing co-accused persons on post-arrest bail.

5. Learned counsel for the State opposes such prayer of pre-arrest bail.

6. Taking into account the nature of allegations and the role ascribed to the Petitioner, this Court is not inclined to entertain this application of the Petitioner for pre-arrest bail. However, it is directed that he may surrender before the learned J.M.F.C.-(CT), Kendrapara in connection with the aforementioned case within one month from today.

7. In the event of his surrender and motion for bail, the same be considered by the learned J.M.F.C.-(CT), Kendrapara on merits, in the first hour of the day.

8. In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned J.M.F.C.-(CT), Kendrapara, 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.

10. 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.-(CT), Kendrapara is called upon to transmit the case record to the higher forum at the earliest in the event of rejection of such bail application. The question of parity, if so urged, shall be taken into account.

11. Learned Court in seisin is requested to verify the criminal antecedent of the Petitioner. If it comes to the fore that the Petitioner has any antecedent, this order shall not be given effect to.

12. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

(V. Narasingh)
Judge

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