IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 10270 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010676952026

Bailochan Barik .... ***Petitioner***

Mr. Sk. Zafarulla, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S.S. Routray, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

09.09.2026

Order No.

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 G.R. Case No.735 of 2016 pending in the Court of learned SDJM, Bhadrak, arising out of Tihidi P.S. Case No.171 of 2016 for commission of offence punishable under Sections 341/ 342/ 323/ 307/ 294/ 353/ 506/ 379/ 34 IPC and Section 7 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act and Section 3 of the Odisha Prevention of Gambling Act.

3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the Petitioner was not a named accused and the charge sheet in the case at hand has already been filed and the co-accused has already been released on bail by this Court. Hence, he may be protected by pre-arrest bail.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer, inter alia, filing of the charge sheet.

5. Taking into account the nature of allegations, 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 subject to verification of criminal antecedent.

6. If it comes to fore that the Petitioner has any criminal antecedent, this order shall not be given effect to.

7. It is further stated that the Petitioner shall cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

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

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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