IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
ABLAPL No. 10347 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010677342026

Shatrughan Sahoo *...* ***Petitioner***

Mr. L. Bhuyan, Advocate

-versus-

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

Mr. S. K. Lenka, ASC

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 G.R Case No.618 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M, Anandapur, arising out of Anandapur P.S. Case No.302 of 2025 for commission of offence punishable under Sections 303(2)/114(4)/3(5) of BNS read with Section 11(1)(a)(d)(e) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and Section 7 of OPCS Act.

3. The Petitioner was before this Court in ABLAPL No.13550 of 2025 and vide order dated 02.12.2025 this Court directed him to surrender and release on bail subject to verification of not more than one criminal antecedent of the Petitioner.

4. It has come to the fore that the Petitioner has three criminal antecedents.

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

6. Taking into account the nature of allegations and the criminal antecedents of the Petitioner, 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 S.D.J.M, Anandapur 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 S.D.J.M, Anandapur on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned S.D.J.M, Anandapur, 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 shall be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioner and learned S.D.J.M, Anandapur is called upon to transmit the case record to the higher forum in the second hour expeditiously

in the event of rejection of the bail application by him.

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

8. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

9. U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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