

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA, CUTTACK**

**ABLAPL No.7554 of 2021**

**Manoranjan Jena**

**... Petitioner**

**-versus -**

**State of Odisha**

**... Opp. Party**

**CORAM : HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE S. PUJAHARI**

**ORDER**

2. 30.06.2021

This matter is taken up through video conferencing mode.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

The petitioner apprehending his arrest in Dharmasala P.S. Case No.314 of 2021 corresponding to C.T. Case No.987 of 2021 pending in the court of J.M.F.C., Chandikhole for alleged commission of offences punishable under Sections 448/294/323/354-B IPC has filed this petition for his release on pre-arrest bail.

On consideration of the allegations made in the F.I.R. and also the submissions made, especially the nature and character of allegations, circumstances in which the offences stated to have been committed and also it being not disputed that the petitioner's release on pre-arrest bail shall not be a hindrance to the free and fair investigation, this Court is of the view that the petitioner has made out a case for his release on pre-arrest bail, more particularly when he is ready and willing to cooperate with the investigation and he has no chance of

absconding and/or tampering with the prosecution evidence, if released on pre-arrest bail.

Hence, this Court directs that in the event of arrest of the petitioner in connection with the aforesaid case, he be released on bail by the Officer effecting arrest on such terms and conditions as deemed just and proper.

However, the aforesaid order is subject to the condition that the petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation and no other graver offence is reported against the petitioner besides the aforesaid offences.

The ABLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of being allowed.

As the restrictions due to resurgence of COVID-19 situation are continuing, learned counsel for the parties may utilize a printout of the order available in the High Court's website, at par with certified copy, subject to attestation by the concerned advocate, in the manner prescribed vide Court's Notice No.4587, dated 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 as modified by Court's Notice No.4798, dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

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**S.Pujahari, J.**