



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

**ABLAPL No. 887 of 2025**

***Manas Parida***

....

***Petitioner***

Mr. A.K. Patra, Advocate

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha***

....

***Opposite Party***

Mrs. S. Maharana, ASC

**CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH**

**ORDER**

**31.01.2025**

**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.249 of 2021 pending on the file of learned Additional Civil Judge (JD)-cum-J.M.F.C., Ranpur, arising out of Chandpur P.S. Case No.108 of 2021 for commission of offence punishable under Section 52 of the Odisha Excise Act and Section 120-B/34 of IPC.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that even if the entire allegation is accepted at its face value, conscious and exclusive possession cannot be attributed to the Petitioner.
4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail inter alia submitting that the same will derail the ongoing investigation.



5. Considering the nature of allegations and the submissions made by the learned counsel for the Petitioner, this Court directs 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 of similar nature.

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

5. It is needless to state that the Petitioner shall cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

6. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

7. Urgent certified copy of this order be granted as per rules.

**(V. NARASINGH)**  
**Judge**

**Ayesha**

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