



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

**ABLAPL No.1938 of 2025**

***Rajat Mahal @ Rajat  
Kumar Mahala***

....

***Petitioner***

Mr. J. Sahoo , Advocate

*-versus-*

***State of Odisha***

....

***Opposite Party***

Mr. C.R. Swain, AGA

**CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH**

**ORDER**

**28.02.2025**

**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.694 of 2017, pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C., Umerkote, arising out of **Dabugaon P.S. Case No.199 of 2017** for commission of alleged offences under Section 436 of IPC.
3. It is stated by the learned counsel that the Petitioner was directed to be released on bail on surrendering by order dated 04.09.2019 passed by this Court in ABLAPL No.1098 of 2018.
4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that because of overwhelming circumstances, the Petitioner could not avail the order.



5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer submits since the Petitioner did not avail the order dated 04.09.2024, the present ABLAPL is liable to be rejected.

6. It is trite that there is no bar to file successive ABLAPL as long as there is threat of arrest.

7. Taking into account the Petitioner was directed to be released on bail in 2019 in respect of P.S. Case No.199 of 2017, 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.

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

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

10. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.

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

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

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