



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No.7870 of 2025

Minaketan Sahoo

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Petitioner

Mr. M. Muduli, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

....

Opposite Party

Mr. C.R. Swain, AGA

Ms. A. Hota, Advocate

(Informant)

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

26.08.2025

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1. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the State as well as Informant.

2. The Petitioner is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with G.R. Case No.1271 of 2025 pending on the file of learned SDJM, Dhenkanal, arising out of Dhenkanal Sadar P.S. Case No.519 of 2025 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 316(3) of BNS, 2023.

3. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the State on instruction that the Petitioner did not join the investigation in terms of the order dated 15.07.2025.



It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that such non-appearance was on account of the overwhelming circumstances and that ought not to weigh with this Court in considering the prayer of the Petitioner on merits.

This Court finds force in such submission.

6. Taking into account the nature of allegations and the criminal antecedents of the Petitioner which run thus:--

- "1. Jatni PS UPD BBSR Case No 395 dt 16.10.2020 u/s 420/34 IPC.
2. Kandarpur PS UPD Cuttack Case No. 84 dt 07.10.2015 u/s 279/337/338 IPC
3. Choudwar PS UPD Cuttack Case No. 291 dt 10.06.2023 u/s 379 IPC.
4. Dhenkanal Sadar PS case No. 429 dt 16.12.2017 u/s 294/323/406 IPC.
5. Tangi PS Cuttack Rural case No. 266 dt 29.12.2022 u/s 379/407/420 IPC.
6. Tangi PS Cuttack Rural case No. 69 dt 09.04.2021 u/s 407/120 (B) IPC
7. Gurudijhatia PS, Cuttack Case No. 76 dt 04.06.2023 u/s 379/406/34 IPC"

,this Court is not persuaded to hold that the Petitioner is entitled to the exceptional remedy of the pre-arrest bail.

7. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands dismissed.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

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