

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK ABLAPL No. 11343 of 2025

Sk. Zafar Petitioner

Mr. S. Mishra, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha Opposite Party

Mrs. J. Sahoo, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH ORDER 29.09.2025

Order No.

- **02.** 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.274 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned J.M.F.C- Cog.I, Bhadrak, arising out of Purunabazar P.S. Case No.202 of 2025 for commission of offence punishable under Sections 126(2)/115(2)/74/296/351(2) of BNS.
 - 3. It is stated that the Petitioner was before this Court in ABLAPL No.10261 of 2025 and this Court by order dated 10.09.2025 directed him to surrender and release on bail subject to verification of antecedent of any nature.
 - 4. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that inadvertently it could not be brought to the notice of this Court that the Petitioner has one



criminal antecedent i.e. Purunabazar P.S. Case No.102 of 2025.

- 5. It is further submitted that non-mentioning of the antecedent is bonafide. Hence, the Petitioner may be protected by pre-arrest bail.
- 6. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail and submits that since the Petitioner did not approach this Court with clean hands, no leniency ought to be shown to him.
- 7. Taking into account the nature of allegation, 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 any nature other than the case noted hereinabove.
- 8. If it comes to the fore that the Petitioner has any criminal antecedent other than the case noted hereinabove, 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. U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Vacation Judge