



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL No. 10560 of 2026
CNR No. ODHC010695642026

Manas Ranjan Nayak ***Petitioner***

Mr. S. Samal, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha ***Opposite Party***

Mr. S. Panigrahi, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER

25.09.2026

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- 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.626 of 2026 pending on the file of learned J.M.F.C. Kujanga, arising out of Paradeep P.S. Case No.176 of 2026 for commission of offences punishable under Section 305(a)/331(3) of BNS.
3. It is submitted by the learned counsel that the Petitioner has been implicated on the basis of an unknown FIR. Hence, the Petitioner may be protected by pre-arrest bail.
4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for pre-arrest bail and submits that the co-accused has been taken to custody and the complicity of the Petitioner is clearly established through the CCTV



footage and the stolen gold ornaments were placed with Manapuram Asset Finance Limited by the wife of the co-accused and the Petitioner has one antecedent of similar nature.

5. Considering the same, this Court is not inclined to entertain the application for pre-arrest bail. However, it is directed that Petitioner may surrender before the learned J.M.F.C. Kujanga in connection with the aforementioned case within one month from today.

In the event of his surrender and motion for bail, the same be considered by the learned J.M.F.C. Kujanga on merits, in the first hour of the day.

In the event of rejection of the prayer for bail by the learned J.M.F.C. Kujanga, the Petitioner is at liberty to move the higher forum for bail in the second hour on the same day.

6. On being so moved, the higher forum is requested to make an endeavor to dispose of the bail application of the Petitioner on the same day.

The case diary shall be made available to the concerned courts to facilitate disposal of the bail application of the Petitioner and learned J.M.F.C. Kujanga is called upon to transmit the case record to the higher forum at the earliest in the event of rejection of such bail application.

Ground of parity, if any, may be considered by the learned court(s) below.



7. Accordingly, the ABLAPL stands disposed of.
8. U.C.C. as per rules.

(V. NARASINGH)
Judge

Santoshi