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Phil Salt hammered Rana for three sixes and two fours in a 26-run sixth over but a mix-up with fellow opener Ben Duckett saw him run out for 43.
Momentum shift
"I think Salt and Duckett came out and played brilliantly in that powerplay, put the opposition under a lot of pressure and then an unfortunate run-out changed the momentum and we lost four wickets quite quickly, which set us back," Buttler told reporters.
"We were probably another 40 or 50 runs (short) on that total -- with the way the wicket was turning at the end, we would have been in a good position to try to win the game."
Rana came back from that pasting with two wickets in one over including Duckett, for 32, and Harry Brook, for a duck, to leave England at 77-3.
Buttler attempted to pull things back, first with Joe Root, who made 19 on his ODI return, and then Bethell, but England collapsed.
The second ODI is on Sunday in Cuttack.
Brief scores:England 248 all out in 47.4 overs (J. Buttler 52, J. Bethell 51; H. Rana 3-53, R. Jadeja 3-26) v India 251-6 in 38.4 overs (S. Gill 87, S. Iyer 59, A. Patel 52; S. Mahmood 2-47, A. Rashid 2-49)
Result: India won by four wickets
Toss: England