[2026:JHHC:20341]

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No.5230 of 2026

Bablu Kumar Mahto @ Bablu Kumar, aged about 33 years, S/O Lato Mahto, R/o Village- Gidhour, PO & PS- Gidhour, Distt.- Chatra, Jharkhand .... …. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand .... Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Anurag Prasad, Advocate
Mr. P.S. Dayal, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Naveen Kr. Ganjhu, Addl.P.P

Order No.07 Dated-09-07-2026

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has been made accused in connection with Gidhour P.S. Case No.103 of 2025 registered under Section 17 (c), 18 (b), 21 (c), 22 (c), 27(a), 28 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs Psychotropic Substances Act.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that the co-accused who was with the petitioner, was in illegal possession of 3.012 Kg of opium. It is submitted that the allegation against the petitioner is false. It is next submitted that only because the petitioner filed W.P. (Cr.) (Filing) No.4858 of 2026 for proper verification as from the C.C.T.V footage dated 10.12.2015, the petitioner was arrested from a shop by two police personnel. It is lastly submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 11.12.2025. Hence it is submitted that the petitioner be released on bail.

Learned Addl. P.P. appearing for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for bail and submits that opium in commercial quantity has been recovered in connection with the case, the rigors of Section 37 of the N.D.P.S. Act, 1985 is attracted in this case and in

the absence of any material to suggest that the petitioner is not guilty of the offence alleged and that there is no chance of his being not involved in any offence while on bail, moreover as there is every chance of the petitioner absconding and tampering with the evidence if released on bail; the petitioner ought not be released on bail at this stage.

Considering the serious nature of allegation against the petitioner and in the absence of any material to suggest that the petitioner is not guilty of the allegations and that there is no chance of his not committing any offence while on bail as well as his chance of absconding and tampering with the evidence, if released on bail, this Court is of the considered view that this is not a fit case where the above-named petitioner be released on bail.

Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the above-named petitioner is rejected at this stage.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

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