(2026:JHHC:18395)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No.5669 of 2026

Sanika Pahan @ Satri Pahan, aged about 26 years, S/o Mangara Pahan R/o Village-Poseya Tilaydih, P.O. and P.S.-Khunti, Dist.-Khunti.

.... …. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand .... Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Amit Kumar, Advocate
For the State : Ms. Amrita Kumari, Addl.P.P

Order No.02 Dated- 23-06-2026

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has moved this Court for grant of bail in connection with Khunti P.S. Case No.19 of 2026 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 126(2), 115(2), 109 & 3(5) of the BNS, 2023 and under Section 3/4 of the Witch Craft Act.

Learned counsel for the petitioner files a supplementary affidavit. Keep the same in the record.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner in furtherance of common intention with the co-accused persons attempted to murder Bagunu Munda and called the father of the informant an exorcist. It is next submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are all false. It is then submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedent as has been mentioned in para-06 of the supplementary affidavit dated 23.06.2026. It is further submitted that the petitioner undertakes to cooperate with the trial of the case and further undertakes that he will not annoy or disturb the informant/victim or the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case. It is lastly submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 09.03.2026 as is evident from para-05 of this bail application. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioner be admitted to bail.

The learned Addl.P.P. opposes the prayer for bail.

Considering the submissions of the counsels and the fact as discussed above, I am inclined to enlarge the above-named petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned C.J.M., Khunti in connection with Khunti P.S. Case No.19 of 2026 **with the condition that the petitioner will co-operate with the trial of the case and will furnish his mobile number and photocopy of the Aadhar Card with an undertaking that he will not change his mobile number during the trial of the case, with further condition that he will not annoy or disturb the informant or the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case**.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

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