IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 5465 of 2026

Manoj Puran, Son of Late Gokul Puran, aged about 24 years.

… … Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand **… … Opposite Party**

With

B.A. No. 4363 of 2026

Mastan Kumar Mahto, Son of Purandar Mahto, aged about 24 years.

... ... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand **... .. Opposite Party**

CORAM :HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Abhishek Prasad, Advocate
For the Opp. Party-State : Mr. Sardhu Mahto, APP

05/**07.07.2026**

1. Heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties.

2. B.A. No. 5465 of 2026 and B.A. No. 4363 of 2026 have been arises out of the same first information report therefore, they have been tagged. The statement of the victim recorded under Section 183 has been placed on record and counter affidavit has been filed in B.A. No. 4363 of 2026 stating that the notice has been served upon the victim.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) submits that the petitioner(s) are in custody since 12.10.2025 in connection with Tamar P.S. Case No. 110 of 2025 corresponding to S.T. No. 7 of 2026, for the alleged offence registered under Sections 70(i) of BNS, 2023 pending in the court of learned AJC VII-cum-Spl. Judge CBI (AHD Scam), Ranchi.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that both the petitioners have been falsely implicated in this case and the petitioner in B.A. No. 5465 of 2026 has been named in the first information report. So far as the other petitioner in B.A. No. 4363 of 2026 is concerned, he is not named in the first information report and his

name has transpired only on the confessional statement of the co-accused. The co-accused namely Tulsidas Mahto and Umesh Mahto have been enlarged on bail in B.A No. 3520 of 2026 and B.A. No. 2645 of 2026 vide order dated 06.05.2026 and 06.05.2026. Learned counsel for the petitioners has further submitted that the petitioner in B.A. No. 4363 of 2026 has also not been put under TIP. Learned counsel has also submitted that the charge has been framed on 06.01.2026, but no witness has been examined so far.

5. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the opposite party-State has opposed the prayer for bail.

6. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties, this Court finds that the petitioner in B.A. No. 5465 of 2026 is the named accused in the first information report and the victim has supported the case of the prosecution in her statement recorded under Section 183 of BNSS.

7. In such circumstances, considering the seriousness of allegation, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner of B.A. No. 5465 of 2026 on bail.

8. ***So far as petitioner of B.A. No. 4363 of 2026 is concerned,*** it is not in dispute that he is not named in the first information report and his name has been transpired in confessional statement of co-accused and similarly situated persons have been enlarged on bail by this Court in B.A. No. 3520 of 2026 vide order dated 06.05.2026. This petitioner is not named in the FIR and has also not been put to TIP and the similarly accused persons have been enlarged on bail, ***the petitioner in B.A. No. 4363 of 2026*** is directed to be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rs. Twenty five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned AJC VII-cum-Spl. Judge CBI(AHD Scam), Ranchi in connection with Tamar P.S. Case No. 110 of 2025 corresponding to S.T. No. 07 of 2026, on the following conditions:

(i) One of the bailors would be the present *pairvikar* of the petitioner.

(ii) The other bailor should be his close relative.

(iii) The petitioner will attend the court on each and every date and on account of his single default, the learned court shall cancel the bail bond furnished by the petitioner.

(iv) The petitioner will deposit a self-attested copy of his Aadhar Card along with his mobile number before the learned court which he will not change during the pendency of the case without prior permission of the court.

(v) The petitioner shall fully co-operate with the proceedings before the learned court below.

9. The ***B.A. No. 4363 of 2026*** is allowed with the aforesaid conditions.

10. However, the State is directed to ensure prompt production of witnesses before the court and the report from the SFSL is also forwarded to the court at earliest.

11. Learned counsel for the State is directed to communicate this order to SFSL, Ranchi as well as the Director, Prosecution and Superintendent of Police of the concerned district to ensure compliance.

12. Let a copy of this order along with a copy of the affidavit filed with the bail petition be communicated to the court concerned through 'FAX/E-mail'.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

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