IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 3138 of 2026

Sulendra Sahu @ Sulendra Saw, aged about 51 years, son of Devan Sahu, resident of Village- Bhusad, P.O. & P.S. Lawalong, District- Chatra
... Petitioner

-Versus-

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Manish Yadav, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Vishwanath Roy, Spl.P.P.

04/18.06.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Lawalong P.S. Case No.12 of 2026 dated 11.03.2026, registered for the offence under Sections 18, 27(a), 28, 29, 30 of the NDPS Act and Section 33 of Indian Forest Act, pending in the Court of the learned Sessions Judge cum Special Judge, NDPS Cases, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case. He further submits that the allegations are made of cultivation of poppy plants on the forest land. He next submits that the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent, as disclosed in paragraph 13 of this application. He also submits that the co-accused have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in A.B.A. No.2300 of 2026, A.B.A. No.2307 of 2026, A.B.A. No.2409 of 2026 and A.B.A. No.2413 of 2026.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and submits that the allegations are there of cultivation of poppy plants on the forest land.

5. Considering that the land is of the Forest Department and that is not belonging to the petitioner and further, the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent, as disclosed in paragraph 13 of this application and co-accused have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in the aforesaid A.B.As. and in the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to extend the privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the above-named petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned Court within three weeks from today and in the event of his arrest or surrender, he shall be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Sessions Judge cum Special Judge, NDPS Cases, Chatra in connection with Lawalong P.S. Case No.12 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated: 18th June, 2026
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