IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 5920 of 2026

Manoj Mandal, Son of Darogi Mandal … … **Petitioner**

Versus

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Mahesh Tewari, Advocate
: Mr. Kamdeo Pandey, Advocate
For the Opp. Party : Mr. Shailendra Kr. Tiwari, Spl. P.P.

05/**03.07.2026** Heard the learned counsels appearing on behalf of the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 06.08.2025 in connection with Jamtara Cyber Crime P.S. Case No.54 of 2025 corresponding to Cyber Case No. 103 of 2025, registered under Sections 111(2) (b), 317 (2), 317 (4), 317 (5), 318 (4), 319 (2), 336 (3), 338 and 340 (2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Section 66 (B) (C)(D) of I.T. Act and Section 42 (3) (e) of Telecommunication Act, now pending in the court of learned Special Judge, Cyber Crime, Jamtara.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is in custody since 06.08.2025 and has one antecedent, but the same does not relate to any cyber offence. He submits that the charge was framed on 28.01.2026.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner also submits that the bail application of the petitioner was earlier rejected on 18.02.2026 in B.A. No. 10871 of 2025 and vide the said order, the State was directed to ensure prompt production of witnesses before the learned court and a copy of the order was also directed to be communicated to Superintendent of Police, Jamtara to ensure compliance. He has referred to the first witness who was examined before the court only on 06.05.2026. The learned counsel submits that the witnesses have not been promptly produced by the State and the custody of the petitioner is almost approaching 11 months.

5. Learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail,

but has not disputed the aforesaid facts which have been mentioned by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

6. After hearing the learned counsels for the parties and considering the custody of the petitioner since 06.08.2025 and the petitioner having no criminal antecedent related to cyber offence, the petitioner is directed to be enlarged 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 the learned Special Judge, Cyber Crime, Jamtara in connection with Jamtara Cyber Crime P.S. Case No.54 of 2025 corresponding to Cyber Case No. 103 of 2025, 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 even 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 trial court.

7. However, the learned court would call for a report from the prosecution and if any other case relating to cyber offence is found against the petitioner as an antecedent, the petitioner shall not be released on bail.

8. The instant application is allowed with the aforesaid conditions.

9. Let 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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