IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 5063 of 2026

Rupesh Kumar, aged about 52 years, son of Ashirvad Rawani, resident of village-Mahuar, P.O. and P.S. Harla, District-Bokaro, Jharkhand

..... … Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ..... … Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :Mr. Baibhaw Gahlaut, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Vineet Kr. Vashistha, Spl.P.P.

02/ 09.09.2026: Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Sector IV P.S Case No. 19 of 2026, registered under sections 338, 336(3), 316(2), 318(4), 3(5) of BNS, 2023, pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M, Bokaro.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is an employee of Bokaro Steel Plant/SAIL and had opened his salary account in Dhanbad Central Co-operative Bank Ltd. He next submits that petitioner had taken loan from Dhanbad Central Co-operative Bank and in the garb of recovering EMI, the bank used to stop transactions from the petitioner's bank account for some duration without any justification. He further submits that after taking N.O.C the petitioner has opened a bank account in the Punjab National Bank and allegations are made that for not paying the loan amount the petitioner has taken forged N.O.C and opened a new bank account in the Punjab National Bank. He next submits that allegations are false and the petitioner is still working in Bokaro Steel Plant/SAIL and cooperating in the investigation. He next submits that petitioner has got no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 12 of the petition and co-accused has been granted anticipatory bail in A.B.A. No. 4244 of 2026. On these grounds, he

submits that the petitioner may kindly be provided privilege of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer and submits that allegations are there of taking forged N.O.C.

5. Considering that petitioner is an employee of Bokaro Steel Plant/SAIL and after obtaining N.O.C from Dhanbad Central Co-operative Bank, he has opened a new bank account in the Punjab National Bank. The petitioner has got no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 12 of the petition and co-accused has been granted anticipatory bail in the aforesaid A.B.A.

6. In the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the above named, petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned court within three weeks from today and in the event of his surrender / arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 25,000/- (twenty five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned S.D.J.M, Bokaro, in connection with Sector IV P.S Case No. 19 of 2026, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S, 2023.

Dt..09.09.2026 **(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)**

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