IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 5174 of 2026

Ful Chand Sardar, aged about 36 years, son of Jiten Sardar, residents of Harina, P.O.-Narda, P.S. Kowali, Dist. East Singhbhum.

..... … Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... … Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Advocate.
For the State : Mr. Pankaj Kumar, A.P.P.

05/ 15.09.2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Kowali P.S. Case No. 24 of 2026, registered for the offence under Sections 303(2) and 317(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Section 4/21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, Rule-54 of Jharkhand Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2004, Rule 7/9/13 of the Jharkhand Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining Transportation and Storage) Rules, 2017, pending in the court of learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Jamshedpur.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner happened to be the owner of the hywa vehicle and allegations are made of carrying 500 CFT iron ore on the said vehicle. He next submits that the said iron ore was booked by another person and further the vehicle is commercial one. He then submits that the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent and disclosure to that effect has been made in para-12 of the petition. On these grounds, he submits that anticipatory bail may kindly be provided to the petitioner.

4. Learned A.P.P. has opposed the prayer and submits that the petitioner happened to be the owner of the said hywa vehicle and allegations are there of illegally carrying 500 CFT iron ore. On this

ground, he submits that anticipatory bail may kindly be rejected.

5. Considering that the petitioner happened to be the owner of the hywa vehicle and the said vehicle is commercial one and it has been pointed out that the consignment of iron ore was booked by another person and the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent and disclosure to that effect has been made in para-14 of the petition and in the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner, named above, is directed to surrender before the learned court within four weeks from today and in the event of his surrender / arrest, the petitioner, named above, 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 Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Jamshedpur, in connection with Kowali P.S. Case No. 24 of 2026, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated:-15.09.2026
Amitesh/-