

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.14079 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-442 Year-2025 Thana- BARUN District- Aurangabad

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1. Prabhat Kumar Sao @ Prabhat Kumar Sahu S/o Badri Prasad Sao R/o Village - Chamatu, P.S - Balumath, District - Latehar
 2. Santosh Rana S/o Hari Rana R/o Village - Sheragada, P.S - Balumath, District - Latehar (Jharkhand)
 3. Dinesh Yadav S/o Baleshwar Yadav R/o Village - Sheragada, P.S - Sheragada, District - Latehar (Jharkhand) R/o Village - Bukru, P.S - Shergada, District - Latehar (Jharkhand)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. The Mines Inspector, District Mines and Minerals Office, Aurangabad, P.S - Aurangabad (T), District - Aurangabad, Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Shivnandan Bharti, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Syed Mojibur Rahman, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRABHAT KUMAR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 27-04-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and the State.

2. Petitioners apprehends arrest in a case registered for the offence punishable under sections 303 (2), 317 (2) and 3 (5) of BNS and section 21 of Mines and Minerals (Regulations and Development) Act 1957.

3. As per the prosecution case, on 19.09.2025 and 20.09.2025, informant seized three mines loaded truck due to invalid challan. Different trucks bearing JH02BF5541 loaded with 69230kg, JH02BU 1819, loaded with 58325 kg mines,



JH02Bu6638 loaded with 53890 kg mines, JH02AT8571 loaded with 41519 Kg mines, JH02BP 3918 loaded with 49950 kg mines, JH19F0287 loaded with 69005 kg mines, JH19E1057 loaded with 66715 kg mines, UP60AT 2885 loaded with 56395 kg, mines.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner no. 1 is the driver and owner of the truck bearing registration no. JH02BF5541 and the petitioner No. 2, is the owner of the truck bearing registration no. JH19F5845 and petitioner no. 3 is the driver of the truck bearing registration no. Jh19F5845. It is further submitted that allegation of transportation of coal without having challan is absolutely false against these petitioners. Petitioners have all relevant papers of their trucks and the loaded coal. Petitioners claim clean antecedent.

5 . Learned counsel for the State opposed the prayer for bail and submitted that the case involves serious allegation of illegal mining and transportation of minerals. Upon verification, the documents produced (challan) were found to be forged and fabricated.

6. Considering the nature of accusation and gravity of offence and other circumstances of the case, prayer for pre-



arrest bail of the petitioners is rejected.

(Prabhat Kumar Singh, J)

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