IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 2186 of 2026

Jitendra Mahto, aged about 26 years, S/o Jaharnath Mahto, resident of Bamne, PO – Ray, PS – Khalari, District – Ranchi, Jharkhand **.... Petitioner**

-- Versus --

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :- Mr. Shailesh Kr. Singh, Advocate
For the State :- Mr. Vineet Kr. Vashistha, Advocate

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*02/**07.05.2026*** Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as the learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Budmu P.S. Case No.79 of 2025, for the alleged offences registered under Sections 4/21 of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, Rule 4/54 of Jharkhand Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2004 and under Rule 7/11 of Jharkhand Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining Transportation and Storage) Rule, 2017 pending in the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate, Ranchi.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is the owner-cum-driver of the Tractor in question and the allegations are made of carrying 100 cft. sand in the said tractor. He further submits that the petitioner earns his livelihood by way of driving the said truck. He then submits that the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph No.12 of

the petition.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and submits that illegally sand was being carried.

5. Considering that the petitioner happened to be owner-cum-driver of the Tractor in question and the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph No.12 of the petition and it has been pointed out that the petitioner earns his livelihood by way of driving the said truck, I am inclined to provide anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner, above named, is hereby directed to surrender before the learned Court within three weeks from today, and in the event of his surrender/arrest, the petitioner, above named, shall be released 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 learned Judicial Magistrate, Ranchi in connection with Budmu P.S. Case No.79 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated 07.05.2026
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