IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No. 2919 of 2026

Surendra Prasad Gupta son of Devi Charan Sahu
… … Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand through A.C.B. **… Opp. Party**

CORAM :HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Advocate
For the Opp. Party : Mr. Vishwanath Roy, APP

05/**30.04.2026** Heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 27.12.2025 in connection with ACB Ranchi P.S. Case No. 22 of 2025, for the offences registered under Sections 7(a) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018, pending in the court of learned Special Judge, Vigilance, Ranchi.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 27.12.2025 having no criminal antecedent. He has further submitted that as per the FIR, the husband of one Tara Muni Oraon namely Krishna Oraon is the complainant who has lodged the FIR and it is alleged that Tara Muni Oraon was meth in MANREGA scheme and the petitioner has been demanding Rs. 5,000 for passing the bill. He has submitted that though the petitioner has said to have been apprehended with bribe money but the bribe money was offered by the husband of Tara Muni Oraon. He has further submitted that the husband of Tara Muni Oraon used to approach the petitioner for payment and since Tara Muni Oraon was the concerned person and meth in MANREGA, there was no question of any payment to her husband. He has submitted that charge sheet has already been submitted and shall co-operate for framing of charge and also trial.

4. Learned counsel for the opposite party-State has opposed the prayer. However, the aforesaid submissions made by the petitioner is not in dispute.

5. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and considering the aforesaid submissions and the custody of the petitioner

and charge sheet having been submitted, the petitioner above named is directed to be enlarged on bail on his furnishing bail bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rs. Twenty-five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge, Vigilance, Ranchi, in connection with ACB Ranchi P.S. Case No. 22 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 his 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 court below.

6. 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.

7. The instant bail application is allowed with the aforesaid conditions.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

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