(2026:JHHC:12634)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No. 2436 of 2026

Manini Nayak, aged about 34 years, D/o Paantol Paricha @ Ganesh Nayak, R/o –Budregi, P.O. –Karchowadi, P.S. – Mohna, District –Gajpati, State –Odisha.

… Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand … Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Soumitra Baroi, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Bhola Nath Ojha, Spl. P.P.

Order No.03 Dated- 29.04.2026

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has moved this Court for grant of bail in connection with NDPS Case No. 21 of 2025 arising out of Gomoh Rail P.S. Case No.20 of 2025 registered for the offences punishable under sections 8(c)/20(b)(ii)(C) of the NDPS Act.

This is the second journey of the petitioner with the prayer for regular bail and earlier the prayer for regular bail of the petitioner was rejected on merit vide order dated 17.12.2025 in B.A. No. 10910 of 2025. It is next submitted that the fresh ground is that the petitioner has been in custody for some more time but no witnesses have been examined though charge has been framed. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioner be admitted to bail.

The learned Spl. P.P. on the other hand vehemently opposes the prayer for bail and submits that keeping in view the recovery of 25.150 Kg of Ganja which comes under commercial quantity, the rigors of Section 37 of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act is attracted in this case. It is then submitted that, in the absence of any material to suggest that there are reasons for believing that the petitioner is not guilty of the offence and that he is not likely to commit any offence while on bail, the petitioner ought not to be admitted to bail.

Considering the facts of the case and in the absence of any material to be satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the petitioner is not guilty of the offence and that he is not likely to commit any offence while on bail, this Court is not inclined to admit the petitioner on bail at this stage.

Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the above-named petitioner is rejected.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

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