IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No.3387 of 2026

Ashok Kumar Gupta @ Ashok Kumar aged about 28 years, S/o Shri Saw, R/o Swarn Jayanti Nagar, Edalhatu Road No. II, Morabadi, PO & P.S.- Bariatu, District- Ranchi, Jharkhand.

.... …. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand .... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. A.K. Kashyap, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Shailesh Poddar, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Addl.P.P.

Order No:-02 Dated:-23-04-2026

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has been made accused in connection with Bariatu P.S. Case No. 257 of 2023 corresponding to S.T. Case No. 301 of 2024 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 302, 34 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 25(1-B)(a), 27 of the Arms Act.

This is the third journey of the petitioner with the prayer for regular bail. Earlier, the prayer for regular bail of the petitioner was dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 11.09.2024 in B.A. No. 7046 of 2024 and subsequently, the prayer for regular bail of the petitioner was rejected vide order dated 30.07.2025 passed in B.A. No. 1675 of 2025.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner has committed murder of son and driver of the informant. It is next submitted that the allegation against the petitioner is false. It is then submitted that the fresh ground is that in the meanwhile, four witnesses have been examined in this case but none of them has stated anything to implicate the petitioner in the case. It is then submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 19.08.2023 as mentioned in para-1 of the instant bail application. It is further submitted that the

petitioner has no criminal antecedent as mentioned in para-6 of the instant bail application. It is lastly submitted that the petitioner undertakes to co-operate with the trial of the case and also undertakes not to annoy or disturb the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioner be released on bail.

Learned counsel appearing for the State opposes the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

Considering the facts of this case, the above-named petitioner is directed to be enlarged 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 the learned A.J.C.-VII, Ranchi in connection with Bariatu P.S. Case No. 257 of 2023 corresponding to S.T. Case No. 301 of 2024 **with the condition that he will co-operate with the trial of the case and furnish his mobile number and photocopy of the Aadhar Card in the court below with an undertaking that he will not change his mobile number during the trial of the case and he will not annoy or disturb the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case.**

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

Dated:- 23.04.2026
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