IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 2131 of 2026

Ashok Murmu, aged about 23 years, Son of Late Laban Murmu, resident of Village Kurumtanr, Chaknawadih, P.O. Kapali, P.S. Sarath, District Deoghar.

..... … Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... … Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Prashant Kumar Rai, Advocate.
For the State : Mr. Rakesh Ranjan, A.P.P.

03/ 06.05.2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Palajori P.S. Case No. 79 of 2025, registered for the offence under Sections 69, 351(2) and 352 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, pending in the court of learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Madhupur.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner and the informant were in relationship since the year 2020, wherein the complaint case has been lodged on 25.10.2024, which was subsequently converted into the FIR on 08.10.2025. He next submits that what has happened that was consensual in nature.

4. Learned A.P.P. appearing for the State has opposed the prayer and submits that the allegations are there of establishing the physical relationship on the false pretext of marriage.

5. From the complaint case, which was subsequently converted into the FIR, it transpires that the petitioner and the informant were in relationship since the year 2020 and the informant has also lived in the house of the petitioner for about six months,

which *prima facie* suggests that the relationship was consensual in nature. In the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to extend the privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the above-named petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned Court within three weeks from today and in the event of her arrest or surrender, he shall be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Madhupur, in connection with Palajori P.S. Case No. 79 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated:-06.05.2026
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