IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

A.B.A. No. 2111 of 2026

Mantu Oraon, aged about 27 years, son of Dukhana Oraon, resident of Village Karkata, PO Malsiring, PS Pithoria, District Ranchi .... Petitioner

-- Versus --

The State of Jharkhand .... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :- Mr. Rohan Mazumdar, Advocate
For the State :- Mr. Prabir Kr Chatterjee, Advocate

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*2/**06.05.2026*** Heard learned counsels for petitioner and for State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Thakur Gaon PS Case No.74 of 2025, for offence registered under section 303(2), 317(5) of BNS, 2023 Section 4/21 of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, Rules 4/54 of Jharkhand Minor Minerals Concession Rules, 2004 and Rules 7/11 of Jharkhand Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage) Rules, 2017, pending in court of learned Judicial Magistrate, Ranchi.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that the petitioner happened to be owner cum driver of the tractor in question and the allegations are there of carrying 100 cft sand on the said vehicle. He next submits that the petitioner earns his livelihood by way of driving the said vehicle and said sand was loaded by another person. He next submits that the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph no.19 of the petition.

4. Learned State counsel opposes prayer and submits that illegally the said sand was being loaded on the said tractor.

5. Considering that petitioner happened to be owner cum driver of the tractor in question and the petitioner earns his livelihood by way of driving the said vehicle and it has been further argued that the said sand was loaded by another person, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner, above named, is hereby directed to surrender before learned court within two weeks from today, and in 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 like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Judicial Magistrate, Ranchi, in connection with Thakur Gaon PS Case No.74 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

06.05.2026
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