

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 458 of 2026

Sandip Kuila, aged about 28 years, son of Murali Kuila, resident of Bhatur,
P.O. Bhatürkadamdiha, P.S. Jamboni, District-Paschim Medinipur, State-West
Bengal

..... ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... ... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :Mr. Sourav Kumar, Advocate

Mr. Agnives, Advocate

For the State

: Mr. Prabir Kr. Chatterjee, Spl.P.P.

02/ 29.01.2026: Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with
Bahragora P.S. Case No. 69 of 2025, registered under sections 303(2),
317(5) and 3(5) of the BNS and under section 4/21 of Mines and Minerals
(Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, under Rule 4/54 Jharkhand Minor
Minerals Concession Rule, 2004, and under Rule 7/10 of Jharkhand Minerals
(Prevention of illegal Mining Transportation and Storage) Rules, 2017 pending
in the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate, Ist Class at Ghatshila.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner
happens to be driver of truck in question and allegation is made that 900 cft
sand was loaded on the said vehicle. He submits that petitioner has got no
criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 13 of the petition and the
petitioner was only carrying consignment of another person. He further
submits that owner of the said vehicle has been granted anticipatory bail by
the learned Sessions Judge. On these grounds, he submits that the petitioner
may kindly be provided privilege of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer and submits
that illegally the sand was being carried on the said vehicle.

5. Considering that petitioner happens to be driver of truck in question, he has got no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 13 of the petition and it was pointed out that the petitioner was only carrying consignment of another person and owner of the said vehicle has been granted anticipatory bail by the learned Sessions Judge, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the above named, petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned court within three weeks from today and in the event of his surrender / arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 25,000/- (twenty five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Judicial Magistrate, Ist Class at Ghatshila, in connection with Bahragora P.S. Case No. 69 of 2025, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S, 2023.

Dt.29.01.2026

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(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)