

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 828 of 2026

Azad Khan @ Md. Azad Khan @ Md. Azad, aged about 40 years, son of Riyaz Khan, resident of Village- Jalwabad, P.O. & P.S. Domchanch, District-Koderma

... **Petitioner**

-Versus-

The State of Jharkhand

... **Opposite Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Randhir Kumar, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Prabir Kumar Chatterjee, Spl.P.P.

04/13.02.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Complaint Case No.2618 of 2025, registered for the offence under Sections 26(1)(f)(g), 52(1), 64 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (Bihar Amendment Act, 1989) and Sections 27, 29, 31, 51 of Wild Life Protection Act, pending in the Court of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Koderma.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's name has surfaced from the confessional statement of the apprehended co-accused. He further submits that the petitioner earns his livelihood by doing labour work. He next submits that the allegations are made of making path for passing of the vehicle from the forest area. He next submits that the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent, as disclosed in paragraph 12 of this application.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and submits that the name of the petitioner has come on confessional statement.

5. Considering that the name of the petitioner has come on the confessional statement and it has been pointed out that the petitioner earns

his livelihood by doing labour work and he has got no criminal antecedent and in that view of the matter, the petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned Court within two weeks from today and the learned Court shall release the petitioner on such terms and conditions as the learned Court may deem fit and proper.

6. Accordingly, this application is disposed of.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated: 13th February, 2026
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