

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 575 of 2026

Raghubansh Kumar @ Raghuvarsh Kumar, age about 61 years, son of
Nathuni Kumar, resident of Flat No.-2A, Basant Enclave, Arya Puri, Ratu Road,
P.O. G.P.O., P.S. Sukhdeonagar, District- Ranchi ... **Petitioner**

-Versus-

The State of Jharkhand through A.C.B. (Vigilance) ... **Opposite Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Manoj Kumar No.2, Advocate

For the State : Mr. P.C. Sinha, A.C. to G.A.-III

02/10.02.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned counsel
appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Anti
Corruption Bureau Palamau P.S. Case No.06/2023, Vigilance Case No.06/2023,
registered for the offence under Sections 466, 467, 468, 471, 474, 409, 120B
and 109 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 13(2) read with 13(1)(a) of
Prevention of Corruption Act, pending in the Court of the learned Special
Judge (A.C.B.), Palamau at Daltonganj.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner was appointed as Assistant Engineer in the year 2008 and the
alleged occurrence is said to be of the year 2006, i.e. prior to appointment of
the petitioner and in view of that, the allegation of defalcation of
Rs.2,79,356/- is not tenable so far as the petitioner is concerned. He further
submits that the Block Development Officer and another person have been
granted anticipatory bail by this Court in A.B.A. Nos.4163 of 2024 and 1456
of 2024 respectively and another Assistant Engineer has been granted
anticipatory bail by this Court in A.B.A. No.48 of 2026.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and

submits that the allegations are there of defalcation of Rs.2,79,356/-.

5. Considering that the petitioner was appointed as Assistant Engineer in the year 2008 and the allegation of defalcation of money is of the year 2006 and Block Development Extension Office and another person have been granted anticipatory bail in the aforesaid A.B.As. and another Assistant Engineer has also been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in the aforesaid A.B.A. and the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent, as disclosed in paragraph 10 of this application and 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 his 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 Special Judge (A.C.B.), Palamau at Daltonganj in connection with Anti Corruption Bureau Palamau P.S. Case No.06/2023, Vigilance Case No.06/2023, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated: 10th February, 2026
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