

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 1665 of 2026

Pankaj Pathak @ Buchan Pandit, aged about 52 years,
son of late Shankaracharya Pandit, resident of
Daiguttu, Near Kali Mandir, Mango, P.O. and P.S.
Mango, Town Jamshedpur, District-East Singhbhum,
Jharkhand.

..... ... Petitioner
Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... ... Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. J.N. Upadhyay, Advocate.
For the State : Mr. Shailesh Kumar Sinha, A.P.P.

05/ 16.04.2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P
for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with
Sakchi P.S. Case No. 205 of 2017, registered for the offence under
Sections 341, 324, 326, 307 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code and
Section 27 of the Arms Act, pending in the court of learned Chief
Judicial Magistrate, Jamshedpur.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is the witness in S.T. No.141/2016 related with the murder of
his brother against the informant of this case. He further submits that
another co-accused, namely, Vivek Kumar @ Vivek Kumar Singh has
been granted anticipatory bail by Coordinate Bench of this Court in
A.B.A. No.7264 of 2022. He submits that other co-accused persons
have also been granted anticipatory bail in A.B.A. Nos. 4546 of 2025
and 4802 of 2025 by this court. He submits that the petitioner has been
falsely implicated in the case due to earlier case, in which, he is the
witness.

4. Learned A.P.P. appearing for the State has opposed the prayer and submits that the allegations of assault is there.

5. Considering that in the identical situation, the other co-accused persons have already been provided the privilege of anticipatory bail in the aforementioned A.B.As. and it has been pointed out that due to enmity, the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case as he is the witness in S.T. No. 141 of 2016 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 will 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 Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jamshedpur in connection with Sakchi P.S. Case No.205 of 2017, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated:-16.04.2026
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