

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 1397 of 2026

Kamal Mahto@ Kamal Kishor Mahto, S/o-Parikshit
Mahto, aged about 22 years, R/o Village Nawagarh,
Baburamdih P.O. and P.S.-Tamar, District- Ranchi.

..... ... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... ... Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Ms. Sonal Pandey, Advocate.
For the State : Mr. Vishawanath Roy, A.P.P.

03/ 15.06.2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P
for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with
Mandu P.S. Case No. 145 of 2025 (NDPS Case), registered for the
offence under Sections 15(C), 18(b), 25 and 29 of the NDPS Act,
pending in the court of learned Sessions Judge, Ramgarh.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that
the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and the name of
the petitioner has come only on the basis of confessional statement of
the apprehended co-accused. She next submits that false allegation is
made against this petitioner that this petitioner has instructed the
owner-cum-driver and assistant of the vehicle to send 128.7 kgs doda
in the State of Punjab. On these grounds, she submits that anticipatory
bail may kindly be provided to the petitioner.

4. Learned A.P.P. appearing for the State has opposed the
prayer and submits that the petitioner is the mastermind and the
apprehended owner-cum-driver and assistant of the truck in question,
have taken the name of this petitioner, saying that this petitioner has
arranged the said doda for carrying the same to the State of Punjab and

assured that he will take care of the said doda in the State of Punjab. He then submits that the quantity of the recovered doda is commercial. On these grounds, he submits that anticipatory bail may kindly be rejected.

5. Two of the apprehended co-accused, who are owner-cum-driver and assistant of the truck in question have taken the name of this petitioner saying that this petitioner has instructed them to carry the doda in question to the State of Punjab and assured that he will take care of the said doda, *prima facie* it appears that this petitioner is the mastermind and on whose instruction, the said contraband was being carried.

6. In the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, above named. Accordingly, his prayer for anticipatory bail is rejected.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated:-15.06.2026
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