

(2026:JHHC:11330)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No. 3186 of 2026

Pator Pahan @ Pankaj Pahan, aged about 28 years, son of
Dolka Pahan, resident of Village-Nachaldag, P.O. & P.S.-
Namkum, Dist.-Ranchi, Jharkhand

... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

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Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Ms. Niteshwari Kurmai, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Bhola N. Ojha, Spl. P.P.

Order No.02 Dated- 18.04.2026

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has moved this Court for grant of bail in connection with Khunti P.S. Case No.83 of 2024 registered for the offences punishable under sections 15(C)/18/25 of N.D.P.S. Act.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that this is the third journey of the petitioner with the prayer for regular bail and the only fresh ground is that charge has been framed in this case. It is then submitted that the petitioner has been in custody for some more days. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioner be admitted to bail.

The learned Spl. P.P. opposes the prayer for bail and submits that keeping in view the involvement of poppy straw of 199.5 kg, which comes under commercial quantity in the offence, the rigors of Section 37 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 is attracted in this case and in the absence of any material to suggest that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the petitioner is not guilty of the offence and that he is not likely to commit any offence while on bail. It is further submitted that there is every chance of the petitioner absconding or tampering with evidence, if released on bail. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioner ought not to be admitted to bail.

Considering the serious nature of allegation of involvement of poppy straw in commercial quantity in the offence involved in this case and in the absence of any material to suggest that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the petitioner is not guilty of the offence and that he is not likely to commit any offence while on bail; as also there is every chance of the petitioner absconding or tampering with evidence if released on bail, this Court is of the considered view that this is not a fit case where the abovenamed petitioner be admitted to bail. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the abovenamed petitioner is rejected at this stage.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

18.04.2026
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