

(2026:JHHC:12015)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No. 1893 of 2026

Rahul Yadav @ Chhotu, aged about 24 years, s/o Surendra Yadav, r/o Village-Kitadih Gowala Patti, P.O. & P.S.- Baghbera, Jamshedpur, Dist.-East Singhbhum

... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

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Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Ms. Nirupama, Advocate
(Through Video Conferencing)

For the State : Mr. Satish Kr. Keshri, Addl. P.P.

Order No.04 Dated- 23.04.2026

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has moved this Court for grant of bail in connection with S.T. No. 458 of 2025 arising out of Bagbera P.S. Case No.70 of 2025 (G.R. No. 1248 of 2025) registered for the offences punishable under sections 109/3(5) of the B.N.S., 2023 and under Section 27 of Arms Act but cognizance has been taken under Sections 118(2)/103(1)/3(5) of B.N.S. and under Section 27 of Arms Act.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner has committed the murder of Ashish Kumar Bhagat by firing upon him from pistol. It is further submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are all false and the co-accused persons have been granted bail on the ground that there is specific allegation against the petitioner which has come during the restatement of the informant, who is an eyewitness to the occurrence, that the petitioner is the person who fired upon the deceased. It is next submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedent as has been mentioned in paragraph no.09 of the bail application. It is then submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 28.07.2025, as has been mentioned in paragraph no. 09 of the bail

application. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioner be admitted to bail.

The learned Addl. P.P. on the other hand vehemently opposes the prayer for bail and submits that keeping in view the direct allegation of serious nature against the petitioner of firing upon the deceased resulting in his death, there is every chance of the petitioner absconding and 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 direct allegation against the petitioner of firing upon the deceased by using a pistol resulting in death of Ashish Kumar Bhagat and the chance of the petitioner absconding and 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 at this stage. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the abovenamed petitioner is rejected.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

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