

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 1803 of 2026

Santosh Murmu, aged about 35 years, son of Marshil Murmu, resident of
Sidpahari, P.O. Chailapathar, P.S. Masalia, District-Dumka
..... ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI
For the Petitioner :Mr. Prem Mardi, Advocate
For the State : A.P.P.

02/ 04.05.2026: Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with
Masalia P.S. Case No. 69 of 2025, registered under sections 25(1-B) (a), 26,
35 of the Arms Act, 1959, pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M, Dumka.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the name of the
petitioner has come in the confessional statement and he was not present at
the spot. He next submits that recovery of country-made pistol and one live
cartridge were from co-accused Rahul Mandal and recovery of two recovery
cartridges were from co-accused Balram Mandal. He next submits that at
the relevant point of time the petitioner was attending Kali Puja at his village
Sidpahati and only on receipt of notice under section 35(3) of BNS, 2023 the
petitioner came to know about the case. On these grounds, he submits that
the petitioner may kindly be provided privilege of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer and submits
that the name of the petitioner has come in the confessional statement.

5. Considering that recovery for country-made pistol and live
cartridges were from co-accused persons and it has been pointed out that at
relevant point of time the petitioner was attending Kali Puja at his village
Sidpahati, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the above named, petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned court within three weeks from today and in the event of his surrender / arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 25,000/- (twenty five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned S.D.J.M, Dumka, in connection with Masalia P.S. Case No. 69 of 2025, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S, 2023.

Dt.04.05.2026

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(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)