

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 1384 of 2026

Uttam Kr. Mandal, aged about 28 years, son of Dhiren Chandra
Mandal, resident of Ratanpur, PO and PS – Govindpur, District –
Dhanbad **.... Petitioner**

-- Versus --

The State of Jharkhand **.... Opposite Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :- Mr. Rohan Mazumdar, Advocate

For the State :- Mr. Prabir Kr. Chatterjee, Advocate

02/06.04.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well
as the learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with
Chirkunda (Galfarbadi O.P.) P.S. Case No.347 of 2025 for the alleged
offences registered under Sections 317(2) and 3(5) of Bharatiya
Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Section 21 of Mines and Minerals
(Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and Rule 13(i) of Jharkhand
Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining Transportation and Storage)
Rule, 2017, pending in the Court of learned Chief Judicial
Magistrate, Dhanbad.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that
the petitioner happened to be owner-cum-driver of the tractor in
question and the allegations are made that 3.5 to 4 tons of coal was
loaded in the said tractor. He further submits that the petitioner has
got no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph No.14 of the

petition.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and submits that allegations are there of illegally loading of coal.

5. Considering that the petitioner happened to be owner-cum-driver of the tractor in question and the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph No.14 of the petition and in that view of the matter the petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned Court within two weeks and the learned Court shall release the petitioner on such terms and conditions or the sureties as the learned Court may deem fit and proper.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated 06.04.2026
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