

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No.2285 of 2026

Pawan Gope, aged about 32 years, S/o. Krishna Gope, R/o. Vill.-
Mandru Toli, P.O. & P.S.- Khunti, Dist.- Khunti, Jharkhand.

... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

... Opposite Party

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pradeep Kumar Srivastava

For the Petitioner : Mr. Gaurav, Adv.

For the State : Mr. Rakesh Ranjan, APP

Order No.02/Dated- 23.03.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP.
2. The petitioner has been made an accused in connection with Torpa P.S. Case No. 69 of 2024 corresponding to G.R. No. 470 of 2025, registered for offences punishable under Sections 326(f) & 3(5) of the B.N.S., 2023 and Section 17 of the C.L.A. Act, which is pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Khunti.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence at all rather he has been falsely implicated in this case only on the basis of statement of co-accused persons, namely, Rajesh Topno @ Malinga and Dinesh Gope. It is further submitted that petitioner is neither named in the F.I.R. nor any incriminating article has been recovered from his possession. There is allegation that some unknown extremists came to the work site of the informant and set ablaze several vehicles which were parked there. It is further submitted that no participation of alleged offence by the petitioner has been brought on record during investigation. It is also submitted that co-accused Rajesh Topno @ Malinga has been granted bail by co-ordinate bench of this Court vide order dated 23.04.2025 passed in B.A. No. 3237 of 2025. It is also submitted that other co-accused persons namely Shiv Kumar Sahu @ Charku, Binod Topno @ David and Bhushan Munda @ Muhiya have been granted bail by co-ordinate bench of this court vide order dated 30.10.2025, order dated 04.12.2025 and order dated 19.02.2026 passed in B.A No. 7179 of 2025, B.A. No. 10481 of 2025 and B.A. No. 11557 of 2025 respectively and the case of the

petitioner stands on better footing. Petitioner undertakes to cooperate in the investigation and trial of the case and abides by all terms and conditions which may be imposed. Hence, the petitioner may be admitted to bail.

4. Learned APP has opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner and has submitted that petitioner has got four criminal antecedents. Hence, his prayer for bail may be rejected.

5. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case and also the manner of implication of the petitioner, I find substance in the contentions raised on behalf of petitioner. Therefore, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned S.D.J.M., Khunti in connection with Torpa P.S. Case No. 69 of 2024 corresponding to G.R. No. 470 of 2025 with condition that petitioner shall appear physically on each and every date during the trial of case till its conclusion unless his physical appearance is dispensed with for sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the learned trial court and with further condition that petitioner shall not indulge in tampering with the prosecution evidence or influence the witnesses or gain over them.

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

23.03.2026

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