

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 1485 of 2026

Basant Singh, aged about 27 years, son of Bishnu Singh,
resident of village – Nagad, PO and PS – Manatu, District –
Palamau **.... Petitioner**

-- Versus --

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :- Mr. Ramesh Kumar, Advocate
For the State :- Mr. Bishwambhar Shastri, Advocate

02/16.04.2026 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
Manatu P.S. Case No. 27 of 2025 corresponding to N.D.P.S. No.
21A/2025, registered under sections 18B, 29 of N.D.P.S Act and
section 33 of Indian Forest Act, pending in the Court of learned
Special Judge under NDPS Act, Palamau at Daltonganj.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that false
allegations are made of cultivation of poppy plant in the forest area.
He further submits that even the land is not belonging to the
petitioner and petitioner has got no criminal antecedent which is
disclosed in para 17 of the petition. He then submits that in identical
situation co-accused person has already been granted anticipatory
bail in ABA No.532 of 2026. 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 allegations are there of cultivation of poppy plant.

5. Considering that the land is of the Forest Department and petitioner has got no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 17 of the petition in that view of the matter, petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned court within two weeks from today and the learned court shall release the petitioner on terms and conditions and sureties as learned court deems fit and proper.

6. This anticipatory bail application is disposed of.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated 16.04.2026
Sangam/