

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 1581 of 2026

Saroj Kumar Mukherjee, son of Sapan Kumar Mukherjee, resident of 107,
 Bara Gamharia, P.O. and P.S. Gamharia, District Seraikela Kharsawan

.... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. P.A.S. Pati, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Vishwanath Roy, A.P.P.

For the JBVNL : Mr. Kaushik Sarkhel, Advocate

02/20.04.2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Adityapur P.S. Case No. 306 of 2025, registered for the offence under Sections 135 and 138 of Indian Electricity Act, pending in the court of learned District & Additional Sessions Judge- II, Seraikella.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the allegations are there that due to non-payment of Rs. 7,98,991/-, the electricity connection of the petitioner was disconnected, in spite of that the petitioner has utilized electricity of Rs.75,876/-. He further submits that however, the petitioner has now paid a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- on 25.03.2026. To buttress his argument, he produced the money receipt which is taken on record.

4. Learned counsel for the State as well as learned counsel for JBVNL submit that the electricity was pilfered by the petitioner in view of that FIR was lodged.

5. Considering that the allegation of utilizing the energy value of Rs.75,876/- is made in the FIR and the petitioner has now paid a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- in that view of the matter, the petitioner, named above, is directed to surrender before the learned Court within two weeks from today 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.)

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