

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 2406 of 2026

Binod Kumar Mahto @ Binod Mahto, aged about 20 years, son of
Sunil Mahto, resident of Village-Banta, P.O. & P.S.-Silli, District-
Ranchi, Jharkhand.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

... .. Opp. Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD

For the Petitioner : Mr. Shailesh Kr. Singh,
AC to Mr. Rahul Kumar, Advocate
For the Opp. Party : Mrs. Kumari Rashmi, A.P.P.

02/Dated: 25th March, 2026

1. The instant application has been filed under Sections 483 and 484 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of bail in connection with Namkum P.S. Case No. 276 of 2025 registered under Section 111, 317(4), 317(5), 338, 336(3), 318(4), 340(2), 3(5) of B.N.S. pending in the court of learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Ranchi.
2. It has been contended on behalf of the petitioner that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case as the allegations are general and omnibus in nature.
3. It has been contended that no motorcycle has been recovered from the possession of the petitioner as would be evident from the seizure memo.
4. The ground of custody has also been taken since the petitioner is languishing in judicial custody since 14.10.2025.
5. It has also been contended on behalf of the petitioner that the co-accused persons, namely, Karan Goswami and Manoj Oraon have already been granted bail by the co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide orders dated 17.02.2026 and 18.02.2026 passed in B.A. No. 25 of

2026 and B.A. No. 10975 of 2025 respectively which has been appended as Annexure-2 and 2/1 to the instant application.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner, therefore, on the aforesaid grounds, has prayed that the present petitioner may be released on bail.
7. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the opposite party-State has seriously opposed the prayer for grant of bail based upon the fact that the petitioner is having a criminal antecedent but she has not disputed the fact of grant of bail in favour of the co-accused persons, namely, Karan Goswami and Manoj Oraon.
8. This Court has heard the learned counsel for the parties.
9. This Court after having heard the learned counsel for the parties and going through the allegation as levelled against the petitioner from which it is evident that although several motorcycles have been recovered but not from the possession of the petitioner.
10. This Court has also taken into consideration that the co-accused persons, namely, Karan Goswami and Manoj Oraon have already been granted bail by the co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide orders dated 17.02.2026 and 18.02.2026 passed in B.A. No. 25 of 2026 and B.A. No. 10975 of 2025 respectively which has been appended as Annexure-2 and 2/1 to the instant application.
11. However, the ground which has been raised on behalf of the State that the petitioner is having criminal antecedent but taking into consideration the fact that there is no specific attributability as per the FIR and even no motorcycle has been recovered from the possession of the petitioner, hence, this Court is of the view that the present application deserves to be allowed.
12. Accordingly, the instant bail application stands allowed.
13. In consequence thereof, the petitioner named above, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction

of the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Ranchi in connection with Namkum P.S. Case No. 276 of 2025 with the condition that the petitioner shall co-operate in the trial and shall not absent himself on the date fixed without any cogent cause. In failure, the learned trial court is at liberty to take appropriate steps in accordance with law so that the trial be not hindered.

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

25th March, 2026
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