

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 1703 of 2026

Santosh Kumar @ Santosh Kumar Singh, aged about 25 years, son of
Khokha Singh, resident of Village-Jagankita, P.O. Meharna, P.S. Belbadda,
District-Jharkhand Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :Mr. Sunil Mahto, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Sudhir Kumar Mahto, A.P.P

02/ 17.04.2026: Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with
Belbadda P.S. Case No. 77/2025, registered under sections 274, 275 of the
BNS and section 47 (a) of Excise Act, pending in the Court of learned
S.D.J.M, Godda.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the scooter is in
the name of petitioner however, allegations are made that certain quantity
of liquor was recovered from the said scooter. He next submits that the
petitioner is labourer and at the alleged date of occurrence the petitioner was
working in the State of Gujarat. He further submits that petitioner has got
no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 14 of the petition. 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 from the said scooter liquor has been recovered.

5. Considering the quantity of liquor and further considering that
petitioner was discharging his duty in the State of Gujarat and he has got
no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 14 of the petition and 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.

Dt.17.04.2026

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

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