

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**

**A.B.A. No. 2097 of 2025**

**Anant Kumar**, R/o Flat No. 4D, Sandhya Sukriti Apartment, Near Tagore Hill, Morabadi, P.S.- Bariyatu, P.O.- GPO, Ranchi

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Versus

Central Bureau of Investigation.      ---      ---      **Opposite Party**

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**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY**

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For the Petitioner : Mr. Diwakar Jha, Adv.

For the CBI : Mr. Deepak Kr. Bharti, Spl. P.P.

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**04/07.04.2025**      Heard Mr. Diwakar Jha, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Deepak Kumar Bharti, learned Special P.P. for the CBI.

The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with RC 05 (A)/2012-AHD-R.

It has been alleged that in the 1<sup>st</sup> Combined Civil Services Examination conducted by the JPSC, several irregularities and illegalities were detected to the effect that the number of candidates selected were more than the candidates prescribed under the Rule and there was illegality in the re-evaluation of 9 papers of the candidates in connivance with the evaluators in order to extend benefits to them and by increasing the marks by doing alteration in the final merit list.

It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that so far as the present petitioner is concerned, the allegation against him is of increasing the marks by the second evaluator in the Economics Paper-I which has been considered in preparation of the merit list. It has been submitted that such allegation made against the petitioner is misnomer, considering the fact that the JPSC did not have any consideration over the second evaluation of marks while preparing the merit list and in fact, the marks which have been obtained by the petitioner is based on the first evaluation of

the Economics Paper-I marks. It has further been submitted that the charge-sheet has been submitted and the petitioner was never arrested by the CBI during the investigation.

Learned Special P.P. for the CBI opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

Regard being had to the submission advanced by the learned counsel for the petitioner apart from the fact that charge-sheet having been submitted by the CBI, I am inclined to extend the privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the petitioner above named is directed to surrender in the court below within four weeks and pray for bail, and in that event, he shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned A.J.C. XVIII cum Special Judge, CBI, Ranchi in connection with RC 05 (A)/2012-AHD-R, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

This application stands **allowed**.

**(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)**

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