

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 1716 of 2026

Ashok Ganjhu, son of Ramfal Ganjhu, resident of Village Induva, Burhisakhua,
P.O. Balubhang, P.S. Bariyatu, District Latehar

.... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Prabhash Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Manish Sharma, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Bishambhar Shastri, A.P.P.

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

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Bariyatu P.S. Case No. 10 of 2025, registered for the offence under Section 111(4) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Section 15(c), 17(c), 18(b), 22, 25 and 29 of the NDPS Act pending in the court of learned Special Judge (NDPS), Latehar.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that false allegation has been made against the petitioner of cultivation of poppy plant on the forest land. He submits that the petitioner has nothing to do with the said allegation and even the land not belong to the petitioner and the co-accused persons already been granted anticipatory bail in A.B.A. No.6195 of 2025 and A.B.A. No.6959 of 2025.

4. Learned A.P.P. appearing for the State has opposed the prayer and submits that the allegations are there of cultivation of poppy plant on the forest and Gairmazurua Malik land.

5. Considering that three of the co-accused persons in identical situation, have been granted anticipatory bail in the aforesaid A.B.As. and the land is of the Forest Department and not belonging to the petitioner and it has been pointed out that the petitioner is having criminal antecedent however, that cannot be a sole criteria of allowing or rejecting the anticipatory or regular bail application as identically situated persons have already been provided privilege of anticipatory bail and 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.)