

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

Ram Lakhan Mahto @ Ram Lakhan Ram, aged about
36 years, Son of Pukhan Mahto, Resident of Village
Dahutola, P.O. and P.S. Pithoria, District-Ranchi.

..... ... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... ... Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Gaurav, Advocate.

For the State : Mr. P.K. Chatterjee, A.P.P.

05/ 04.05.2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P
for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with
Arki P.S. Case No. 59 of 2022, registered for the offence under Sections
414 and 435 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 33 of the Indian
Forest Act, pending in the court of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Khunti.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that
the owner and cleaner of the vehicle in question have already been
provided the privilege of anticipatory bail in A.B.A. Nos. 3391 of 2024
and 4677 of 2025 respectively. He next submits that the allegations are
made of loading of five wood logs on the said vehicle and the
petitioner is said to be the driver of the said vehicle. He further submits
that the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent and disclosure to
that effect has been made in para-17 of the petition.

4. Learned A.P.P. appearing for the State has opposed the
prayer and submits that the petitioner happened to be the driver of the
said vehicle.

5. Considering that owner and cleaner of the vehicle in question have already been provided the privilege of anticipatory bail in the aforementioned A.B.As. and the petitioner happened to be the driver of the vehicle in question and further the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent and disclosure to that effect has been made in para-17 of the petition, I am inclined to extend the privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the above-named petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned Court within three weeks from today and in the event of her arrest or surrender, he shall be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Khunti, in connection with Arki P.S. Case No. 59 of 2022, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated:-04.05.2026
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