

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

A.B.A. No. 1826 of 2026

Pradeep Mahto, aged about 42 years, son of Tikait Mahto,
resident of Village Kanjkiro, PO Kanjkiro, PS Penk Narainpur,
District Bokaro, Jharkhand Petitioner

-- Versus --

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :- Mr. Shiv Prasad, Advocate
Mr. Arvind Prakash Malaka, Advocate
For the State :- Mrs. Amrita Kumari, Advocate

2/21.04.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well
as the learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Penk Narainpur P.S. Case No.52 of 2025 for the alleged offences registered under Sections 126(2), 115(2), 352, 132, 303(2) and 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Section 21 of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, Rule 54 of Jharkhand Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2004 and under Rule 13 of Jharkhand Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining Transportation and Storage) Rule, 2017 pending in the Court of learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bermo at Tenughat.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that false allegation is made against the petitioner of trying to take away the tractor from the police custody. He further submits that the petitioner has nothing to do with the said tractor and the

petitioner is neither the owner nor the driver of the said tractor. He then submits that the co-accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail in ABA No.616 of 2026 and the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph No.12 of the petition.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State submits that allegations are there of interfering in the police investigation.

5. Considering that the petitioner is neither the owner nor the driver of the tractor as stated by learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the only allegations are there of trying to take away the tractor from police custody and that allegation is there against nine named accused persons and others, who are not named and the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph No.12 of the petition, and the co-accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail as aforesaid, and in that view of the matter, the petitioner, above named, is directed to surrender before the learned Court within two weeks 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.

6. A.B.A. No.1826 of 2026 is disposed of.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

21.04.2026
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