

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**B.A. No. 2427 of 2026**

Umesh Kumar Singh, aged about 27 years, son of Mahru Singh, resident of village Kita Nawatoli, PO and PS Chandwa, Distt. Latehar, Jharkhand. **Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand **O.P(s).**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Nandan Prasad, Advocate
For the O.P(s) : Mr. S.K.Srivastava, APP

Order No.02/Dated: 25th March, 2026

1. The instant bail application has been filed under sections 483 and 484 of the BNSS, 2023, for grant of regular bail, in connection with Chandwa P.S. Case No. 98 of 2025, for the offence punishable under sections 111(1), 111(4), 308(2) and 308(4) of the BNS and 25(1-B)(a)/26/35 of the Arms Act, pending in the court of learned A.C.J.M., Latehar.
2. It has been contended on behalf of the petitioner that the name of this petitioner has come on the confessional statement of co-accused, namely, Masuk Ansari and Amrit Oraon who have been granted bail vide order dated 21.8.2025 and 13.2.2026 passed by a coordinate Bench of this Court in BA Nos. 7151 of 2025 and BA No. 12117 of 2025 respectively and the case of this petitioner is on similar footing. The petitioner is in custody since 19.02.2026. Therefore, he may also be released on bail.
3. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for bail but has not disputed the fact that the co-accused persons, having similar allegation, have been released on bail by a coordinate Bench of this Court.
4. Heard the learned counsel for the parties, gone through the impugned order, the affidavits and the first information report.
5. Considering the facts that two of the co-accused persons upon whose

confession, name of this petitioner has surfaced, have been granted bail by a coordinate Bench of this court and considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 19.02.2026, this Court is of the view that the present application is fit to be allowed.

6. Accordingly, the instant bail application stands allowed.
7. In consequence thereof, the petitioner, named above, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned A.C.J.M., Latehar, in connection with Chandwa P.S. Case No. 98 of 2025, with condition that the petitioner shall cooperate in the trial and shall not absent himself on the date fixed without any cogent reason, failing which, the learned trial court is at liberty to take appropriate steps in accordance with law so that the trial be not hindered.

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

Date: 25th March, 2026
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