

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 1860 of 2026

Ankit Bhagat, son of Anoop Bhagat, Dhuliyar Road, near Jain Temple,
Baliharapur, P.O. and P.S. Pakur, District Pakur, Jharkhand

.... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Rajeeva Sharma, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Yasir Arafat, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sinha, A.P.P.
For the Informant : Mr. Arun Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Indra Bhushan Prasad Sinha, Advocate

02/05.05.2026 Heard learned senior counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with
Pakur Mahila P.S. Case No. 04 of 2026, registered for the offence under
Sections 126(2), 69, 352, 351(2) and 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita,
2023, pending in the court of learned Additional Chief Judicial
Magistrate, Pakur.

3. Learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner submits
that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and in the
FIR itself, the informant has stated that the petitioner and informant
were in relationship since six years prior to lodging of the FIR. He
further submits that what has happened that was consensual in nature
and according to him, even marriage has been solemnized and to
buttress his argument, he refers to the marriage certificate issued
under Section 13 of the Special Marriage Act, 1954 and according to
him, the Notary Public was authorized to do the work of registration of
marriage under the said Act. On these grounds, he submits that the
anticipatory bail may kindly be granted.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State and informant
have jointly opposed the prayer and submit that the allegations are
there of establishing relationship on the pretext of marriage. Learned
counsel for the informant further submits that so far the said certificate

is concerned, has got no value in view of the fact that it has been issued by a Notary Public.

5. Looking to the contents of the FIR, it transpires that there is admission in the FIR itself that six years prior to lodging of the FIR, the petitioner and informant were in relationship and it is also stated therein that they have established the relationship several times, prima facie it appears that what has happened that was consensual in nature and further petitioner and informant are major and in the attending facts and circumstances, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the above-named petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned Court within two weeks from today and in the event of his 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 Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Pakur, in connection with Pakur Mahila P.S. Case No. 04 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

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