

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(Cr.) No. 225 of 2026

M/s Mangalam Timber, a unit of Mangalam Cement Limited, having its office at village- Kusumi, P.O. & P.S.- Nabrangpur, District- Nabrangpur, Odisha through its authorized representative Mr. Rajesh Kumar, S/o Chandra Bali Singh, R/o E-193, A Type, Railway Colony, Near Power House crossing, Ram Nagar, Chutia, P.O. & P.S.- Chutia, District- Ranchi **Petitioner**

Versus

1. The Union of India through the Inspector, Narcotics Control Bureau, Ranchi Zonal Unit, 1st Floor, Jharkhand State Board, Near Harmu Chowk, P.O. & P.S.- Harmu, District- Ranchi-834002
2. The State of Jharkhand through the Officer-in-Charge, Kuru Police Station, Kuru, Lohardaga

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CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY

For the Petitioner	: Mr. Rahul Lamba, Adv. Mr. Aditya Mohan Khandelwal, Adv. Ms. Kanu Priya, Adv. Mr. Anish Kamal, Adv.
For the UOI	: Mr. Prashant Pallav, ASGI Ms. Shreya Shukla, AC to ASGI

05/10.08.2026 Heard Mr. Rahul Lamba, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Prashant Pallav, learned ASGI for the respondent-UOI.

This application has been preferred by the petitioner for a direction upon the respondents to forthwith release 1282 pieces of Medium Density Fibre Boards which have been illegally detained by the respondents at Kuru Police Station, Lohardaga without there being legal seizure of the said Fibre Boards.

It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner had supplied 1282 numbers of Medium Density Fibre Boards from its unit located at village- Kusumi, District- Nabarangpur, Odisha to M/s Shree Shyam Enterprises and the same was

dispatched through an independent transporter namely, Orissa Bengal Carrier Limited. However, during the transit a raid was conducted by the Narcotics Control Bureau officials along with the Police officials of Kuru P.S. and the vehicle bearing registration No. OD-14Z-3324 was intercepted and on a search conducted of the said vehicle 250 Kg. of Ganja was recovered. Consequent to the same a case was instituted by the Narcotics Control Bureau against eight accused persons but however in the seizure list the Medium Density Fibre Boards were not mentioned. It has, therefore, been submitted that neither the petitioner or any of its officials have been made an accused in the criminal case nor the 1282 numbers of Medium Density Fibre Boards have been seized and, therefore, prayer has been made to release the said Fibre Boards in favour of the petitioner.

Mr. Prashant Pallav, learned ASGI vide order dated 13.07.2026 was directed to file an affidavit as to whether the Medium Density Fibre Boards which are 1282 in number have been seized or not and consequent to the said order a supplementary counter affidavit has been filed by the NCB in which it has been categorically stated at para-10 that the NCB-respondent does not have any objection if the Medium Density Fibre Boards are released in favour of the person entitled thereto.

In view of the supplementary counter affidavit filed by the NCB clearly stating that they do not have any objection to the release of 1282 pieces of Medium Density Fibre Boards and since the seizure list with respect to NCB Crime No. 01/NCB/RANCHI/2025 does not mention seizure of the said Fibre Boards the learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, N.D.P.S. Cases, Lohardaga is directed to release the 1282 numbers of Medium Density

Fibre Boards in favour of the representative of petitioner on sufficient proof of his identification and on such terms and conditions as the learned trial court may fix.

This application stands disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

Dated, the 10th August, 2026

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