

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

A.B.A. No. 2060 of 2026

Anil Pandey, aged about 49 years son of Vijay Pandey resident  
of Tunjo, PO Hutar, PS Ghaghra, District Gumla, Jharkhand  
.... Petitioner  
-- Versus --  
The State of Jharkhand .... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :- Mr. Kripa Shankar Nanda, Advocate  
For the State :- Mr. Tarun Kumar, Advocate

2/05.05.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner  
and learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending is arrest in connection  
with Ghaghra P.S. Case No.58/2024, registered for the offence  
under Sections 191(2), 191(3), 190, 115(2), 117(2), 125, 352, 109,  
299, 126(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, pending in the  
Court of the learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Gumla.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits  
that the altercation took place between two groups in the market.  
He further submits that there are case and counter case between  
the parties. He next submits that the allegations of assault are there  
against other accused persons and so far this petitioner is  
concerned, he was standing nearby. He also submits that the  
petitioner is having no criminal antecedent, as disclosed in  
paragraph 10 of this application and four of the co-accused persons  
have been granted anticipatory bail in ABA No.1973 of 2026.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and submits that the allegations of assault are there.

5. Looking into the contents of the FIR, it transpires that so far as this petitioner is concerned, allegation of assault is not against him and he was standing nearby. The petitioner has got no criminal antecedent, as disclosed in paragraph 10 of this application and four of the co-accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail in ABA No.1973 of 2026. In the attending facts and circumstances of the case, 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 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 Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Gumla in connection with Ghaghra P.S. Case No.58/2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

**( Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)**

05.05.2026

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