

(2026:JHHC:20146)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B. A. No. 3260 of 2026

Sonu Mahto, aged about 29 years, son of late Mahipal Mahto, resident of village – Siladon at present village – Amritpur, PO & PS – Khunti, District – Khunti.

... ..**Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand.

... ..**Opp. Party**

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner	: Mr. Nivedita Kundu, Advocate
For the State	: Mr. Vijoy Kr. Sinha, Addl. P.P.

Order No:- 02, Dated:- 08th July, 2026

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has moved before this Court for grant of bail in connection with Khunti P.S. Case No. 210 of 2025, registered for the offences punishable under sections 103(1) /3(5) of the B.N.S.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner along with co-accused person has killed Ranjeet Mahto @ Tuna. It is further submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are all false and the petitioner is implicated in this case only on the basis of suspicion and confessional statement of the petitioner. It is next submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedent as has been mentioned in paragraph no. 02 of the supplementary affidavit. It is then submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 07.11.2025, as has been mentioned in paragraph no. 14 of the bail application and no witness has been examined. It is next submitted that the petitioner undertakes to cooperate with the trial of the case and further undertakes that he will not annoy or disturb the informant or the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case. It is lastly submitted that the co-accused person with similar allegation has already been admitted to bail by this Court vide order in on **18.06.2026** passed in **B.A. No. 3549 of 2026**. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioner be admitted to bail.

The learned Addl. P.P. opposes the prayer for bail.

Considering the submissions of the counsels and the fact as discussed above, I am inclined to enlarge the abovenamed petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of ***learned District & Additional Sessions Judge – III, Khunti***, in connection with ***Khunti P.S. Case No. 210 of 2025***, with the condition that the petitioner will cooperate with the trial of the case and will furnish his mobile number and a copy of his Aadhar Card in the court below with the undertaking that he will not change his mobile number during the trial of the case, with further condition that he will not annoy or disturb the informant or the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

Dated – 08.07.2026
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