

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 2299 of 2026

Hiraman Ganjhu, aged about 36 years, son of Late Dahanju Ganjhu, resident of Village Kurkheta, P.O. & P.S. Bashisthnagar, Dist.- Chatra

... **Petitioner**

-Versus-

The State of Jharkhand

... **Opposite Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Vikram Singh, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Naveen Kumar Gaunjhu, A.P.P.

04/08.05.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Bashisthnagar P.S. Case No.107/2025, registered for the offence under Sections 8, 27(a), 28, 29, 30 of NDPS Act and under Section 33 of Indian Forest Act, pending in the Court of the learned Sessions Judge cum Special Judge, NDPS Cases, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the allegations are made against the petitioner of cultivation of poppy plants on the forest land. He further submits that the land is not belonging to the petitioner. He next submits that the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent, as disclosed in paragraph 16 of this application. He also submits that four of the co-accused have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in A.B.A. No.1949 of 2026.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and submits that the allegations are there of cultivation of poppy plants on the forest land.

5. Considering that the land is of the Forest Department and that is not belonging to the petitioner and the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent and in identical situation, four of the co-accused have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in the aforesaid A.B.A. and 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 Sessions Judge cum Special Judge, NDPS Cases, Chatra in connection with Bashistnagar P.S. Case No.107/2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated: 8th May, 2026
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