

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

A.B.A. No. 2335 of 2026

Tushar Mehata, aged about 24 years son of Buddheswar Mahata resident of Indrabani Lodhasuli, PO and PS Indrabani District Jhargram Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal

.... Petitioner

-- Versus --

The State of Jharkhand

.... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :- Mr. Sourav Kumar, Advocate

For the State :- Mr. Bishwambhar Shastri, Advocate

2/08.05.2026 Heard learned counsels for petitioner and for State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Bahragora PS Case No.76 of 2025, for offence registered under section 303(2) and 317(2), 3(5) of BNS, 2023, sections 4 and 21 of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, Rules 7 and 13 of Jharkhand Mines and Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage) Rules, 2017, pending in court of learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Ghatshila.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that the petitioner is driver of the tractor in question and the allegations are made of carrying 90 cft sand. He further submits that the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph no.15 of the petition and the owner of the said vehicle has been granted anticipatory bail by the learned Sessions Judge in ABP No.285 of 2025.

4. Learned State counsel opposes prayer and submits that allegations are there of illegally carrying the sand in question.

5. Considering that petitioner is driver of the tractor in question and the allegations are made of carrying 90 cft sand and the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent as aforesaid and the owner of the said vehicle has been granted anticipatory bail as aforesaid, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner, above named, is hereby directed to surrender before learned court within two weeks from today, and in event of his surrender/arrest, the petitioner, above named, shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand), with two sureties of like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Ghatshila, in connection with Bahragora PS Case No.76 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

08.05.2026

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