

(2026:JHHC:13411)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No. 3814 of 2026

Santosh Dagal Sand @ Santosh Dagal Sad, aged about 32 years, son of Namjan Lohra, resident at Village-Munda Chalagi, P.O. & P.S.-Khunti, Dist.-Khunti, Jharkhand

... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Gaurav, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Naveen Kr. Ganjhu, Addl. P.P.

Order No.02 Dated- 06.05.2026

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has moved this Court for grant of bail in connection with Khunti P.S. Case No.03 of 2026 registered for the offences punishable under sections 103(1), 61(1), 3(5) of the B.N.S., 2023 and under Section 27 of the Arms Act.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner is a member of a syndicate of land grabber and when the deceased -Soma Munda protested, the efforts of the petitioner to grab the land of Jiyarappa, the petitioner and the co-accused persons hatched a conspiracy and committed the murder of Soma Munda by firing upon him. It is further submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are all false and the petitioner has been implicated in this case only on the basis of confessional statement of the co-accused - Chandan Yadav @ Chandan Kumar Yadav and even in that confessional statement, he has attributed the role of the petitioner in hatching the conspiracy but there is no direct allegation against the petitioner of committing the murder of the deceased. It is next submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 28.01.2026, as has been mentioned in paragraph no. 21 of the bail application. It is then submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedent as has been mentioned in paragraph no.21 of the bail application.

It is then submitted that charge sheet has already been submitted in this case but no witness has been examined so far. It is next submitted that the co-accused persons with similar allegation have already been admitted to bail by this Court vide orders dated 15.04.2026 and 04.05.2026 in B.A. No. 2292 of 2026 and B.A. No.3702 of 2026 respectively. It is further 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. 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 above-named 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) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Khunti, in connection with Khunti P.S. Case No.03 of 2026 with the condition that the petitioner will co-operate with the trial of the case and will furnish his mobile number and photocopy of the Aadhar Card with an 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.)

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