

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**B.A. No. 3818 of 2026**

Ranjeet Kumar @ Ranjeet Kumar Yadav, aged about 26 years, Son of Kunjdev Yadav @ Kujdeo Yadav, resident of village Salaiya, Dhangiri, P.O.- Salaiya, P.S.- Bashishthnagar, District- Chatra

.....Petitioner(s)

Vrs.

The State of Jharkhand

..... Opposite Party(s)

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Petitioner : Md. Asghar Advocate

Mr. Deepak Kr. Chouhan, Advocate

For the State

: Mr. Bhola Nath Ojha, Spl.P.P.

02/08.05.2026 Heard learned counsel for the applicant and the learned Spl.P.P. appearing for the State.

2. The applicant, who is in custody since 21.07.2024 has renewed his prayer for grant of regular bail in connection with NDPS Case No. 20 of 2025 arising out of Chatra Sadar P.S. Case No. 371 of 2020, registered for the offence under Sections 18 of the NDPS Act, pending in the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-V, Chatra.

3. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the applicant(s) that complete set of F.I.R. along with its enclosures have been annexed with this bail application and there is no suppression on his/her part.

4. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the applicant earlier the prayer for bail of the applicant has been rejected thrice by this Court in B.A. No. 10363 of 2024 vide order dated 10.12.2024; B.A. No. 6003 of 2025 vide order dated 30.07.2025 and B.A. No. 11640 of 2025 vide order dated 30.03.2026.

5. It has been further submitted that fresh ground for renewing the prayer for grant of regular bail is that seizure list witnesses have been examined and one seizure list witness has been declared but his deposition suggests that seized article is less than commercial quantity (Annexure-3 series). Further, the applicant has remained in custody for about 21 months.

6. Learned Spl.P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the applicant.

7. Considering the above fact and the period of custody undergone by the applicant, I am inclined to enlarge the applicant on bail.

8. Accordingly, the applicant, named above, is directed to be

released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-V, Chatra in connection with NDPS Case No. 20 of 2025 arising out of Chatra Sadar P.S. Case No. 371 of 2020, subject to condition that the applicant(s) will submit self-attested photocopy/photocopies of his/her/their Aadhaar Card(s) and also submit his/her/their mobile number(s) before the learned trial court which he/she/they will always keep active and will not change it during pendency of this case without prior permission of the court..

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

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