

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No.5399 of 2025**

Kartik Mahto @ Kartik Mahato

.... **Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand through Vigilance

.... **Opp. Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD

For the Petitioner : Mr. Vishal Kr. Trivedi, Advocate

For the Opp. Party : Mr. Vineet Kr. Vashistha, Spl P.P

x04/Dated: 11th July, 2025

1. The instant application has been filed under Sections 483 and 484 of the B.N.S.S., 2023 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, in connection with A.C.B. Dhanbad P.S. Case No.01 of 2025 corresponding to Special Vigilance Case No. 01 of 2025, registered for the offence under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amended) Act, 2018 pending in the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-X-cum-Spl. Judge (Vig.), Dhanbad.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case.

3. It has been contended on behalf of the petitioner that the petitioner has neither demanded any money nor he

accepted the same and nothing has been recovered from the possession of the petitioner.

4. It has further been contended that the charge-sheet has already been submitted and the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent. The ground of custody has also been taken that the petitioner is languishing in judicial custody since 04.03.2025.

5. Learned Special Public Prosecutor has opposed the prayer for bail and submitted that the tainted money has been recovered from the bathroom of the petitioner and the money was seized by the trap team.

6. This Court has heard the learned counsel for the parties.

7. As per submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner, the charge-sheet in this case has already been submitted. Moreover, the petitioner is languishing in judicial custody since 04.03.2025, i.e., for the period of more than three months.

8. This Court, considering the aforesaid fact and taking into consideration the period of custody, is of the view that the instant bail application deserves to be allowed.

9. Accordingly, the instant bail application stands allowed.

10. In consequence thereof, the petitioner, named above, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of

Rs.10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-X-cum-Spl. Judge (Vig.), Dhanbad, in connection with A.C.B. Dhanbad P.S. Case No.01 of 2025 corresponding to Special Vigilance Case No. 01 of 2025, subject to the condition that the petitioner shall co-operate in the trial, failing which, the learned trial court is at liberty to take appropriate steps in accordance with law.

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

Alankar/-