

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**  
**A. B. A. No. 3034 of 2026**

Sunil Kumar Sao @ Sunil Kumar, aged about 36 years, son of late Kishun Sao,  
resident of Pithoria Market Road, P.O. and P.S. Pithoria, District-Ranchi  
..... ..Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ..... .. Opposite Party

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI**

For the Petitioner :Mrs. J. Mazumdar, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Vineet Kr. Vashistha, Spl.P.P.

**02/ 12.06.2026:** Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned  
counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with  
Pithoria P.S. Case No. 30 of 2026, registered under section 7 of the  
Essential Commodities Act, 1955, pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M,  
Ranchi.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that false allegation  
has been made that petitioner was carrying 14 domestic L.P.G gas cylinders  
in a tempo. She next submits that petitioner is neither owner nor driver of  
the said tempo and in the seizure list signature of the petitioner is not there.  
She further submits that petitioner has got no criminal antecedent which is  
disclosed in para 15 of the petition. On these grounds, she submits that the  
petitioner may kindly be provided privilege of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer and submits  
that allegations are there of carrying 14 domestic L.P.G Gas Cylinders in a  
tempo.

5. It is not clear from the F.I.R that how this petitioner was  
involved in carrying 14 domestic L.P.G gas cylinders and it has been pointed  
out that petitioner is neither owner nor driver of the said tempo. The  
petitioner has got no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 15 of the

petition,

6. In the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the above named, petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned court within three weeks from today and in the event of his surrender / arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 25,000/- (twenty five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned S.D.J.M, Ranchi, in connection with Pithoria P.S. Case No. 30 of 2026, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S, 2023.

Dt.12.06.2026

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**( Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)**