

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 3905 of 2026

Govind, S/o Late Likkhi, aged about 36 years, resident of Village- Jharre Patkham Gurjar, P.O. & P.S. Tundala Junction, District- Firozabad (U.P.)

... **Petitioner**

-Versus-

The State of Jharkhand

... **Opposite Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Shahid Yunus, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Vishwanath Roy, Spl.P.P.

05/13.08.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Balumath P.S. Case No.119/2025, registered for the offence under Sections 17(b), 22(b) and 29 of the N.D.P.S. Act, pending in the Court of the learned Special Judge, N.D.P.S., Latehar.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the name of the petitioner has come on confessional statement. He further submits that 1.066 Kg of opium was recovered from the possession of the co-accused persons, namely, Rajesh Kumar Saw and Jitendar Kumar. He next submits that the quantity is intermediary. He also submits that the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent, as disclosed in paragraph 6 of this application. He further submits that in identical situation, co-accused has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in A.B.A. No.262 of 2026.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and submits that the name of the petitioner has come on confessional statement of apprehended co-accused. He further submits that the co-accused persons were going to handover the said opium to the petitioner.

5. On query made by the Court, learned counsel appearing for the State fairly submits that the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent.

6. Considering that the name of the petitioner has come on confessional statement of the co-accused and the said opium was recovered from the possession of the co-accused persons and the quantity is intermediary and further, the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent and one of the co-accused has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in identical situation in the aforesaid A.B.A. and in the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to extend the privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the above-named petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned Court within three weeks from today and in the event of his arrest or surrender, he shall be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge, N.D.P.S., Latehar in connection with Balumath P.S. Case No.119/2025, subject to the condition that one of the bailer will be close relative of the petitioner and also subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

*Dated: 13th August, 2026
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