

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 5528 of 2025

Amarji Sinha @ Amardeep Kumar, aged about 55 years, S/o Chamari Prasad Yadav, R/o Village- Barwadih, P.O. & P.S. Tisri, District- Giridih

... **Petitioner**

-Versus-

The State of Jharkhand

... **Opposite Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Prashant Kumar Rai, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Prabhu Dayal Agrawal, Spl.P.P.

05/18.09.2025 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Dhanwar P.S. Case No.149/2024, registered for the offence under Sections 303(2), 317(5) and 3(5) of the BNS, 2023, Section 4 of the MMDR Act and Rules 7/9/13 of Jharkhand Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage) Rules, 2017 and Rule 4/54 of the Jharkhand Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2004, pending in the Court of the learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Giridih.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner happened to be a journalist and he is working with the newspaper namely Prabhat Khabar. He further submits that the petitioner has given news items for illegal excavation of mines. He then submits that the allegations are made of illegal transportation of scrap mica. He next submits that the owner cum driver and cleaner of the seized truck and another co-accused have been granted anticipatory bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in A.B.A. No.862 of 2025 and A.B.A. No.1641 of 2025. He further submits that in para 73 of the case diary, it has come that there is no criminal antecedent against the

petitioner and that has taken note by the learned Sessions Judge.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and submits that the allegations are there of transportation of scrap mica.

5. It has been pointed out by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is a journalist and considering that he is working with the newspaper Prabhat Khabar and he used to publish news items with regard to illegal excavation of mines and the owner cum driver and cleaner of the seized truck and another co-accused have been granted anticipatory bail in the aforesaid A.B.As. and in the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to extend the privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. 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 will 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 Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Giridih in connection with Dhanwar P.S. Case No.149/2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated: 18th September, 2025
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