

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 5042 of 2026

Sujeet Choudhari @ Sujit Choudhari, aged about 29 years, son of Ramvriksh Choudhary @ Ramvriksh Choudhari, resident of Village Samodh, P.O. and P.S. Kothi, District Gaya, State Bihar Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Anupam Anand, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Prabir Chatterjee, Special P.P.

02/10.09.2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Pratappur P.S. Case No. 168 of 2022, registered for the offence under Sections 379, 414 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, Section 30(ii) of the Coal Mines Act and Section 33 of the Indian Forest Act, pending in the court of learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner happens to be the owner-cum-driver of the truck and the allegations are made of carrying 15 ton coal on the said vehicle. He submits that in the seizure list, there is no independent witness. He also submits that the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent as disclosed in para 18 of the petition.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposes the prayer and submits that the allegations are there of illegally carrying coal.

5. Considering that the petitioner is owner-cum-driver of the said truck in the seizure list, there is no independent witness and petitioner is having no criminal antecedent as disclosed in para 18 of the petition, I am inclined to grant 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 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 Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Chatra, in connection with Pratappur P.S. Case No. 168 of 2022, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)