

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 5468 of 2025

Chandra Kishore Mandal @ Chandra Kishor Mandal, aged about 72
years, son of Late Tejnarayan Mandal, R/o – Rakhjor, PO and PS –
Chitra, District – Deoghar, Jharkhand **Petitioner**

-- Versus --

The State of Jharkhand **Opposite Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :- Mr. Ritesh Verma, Advocate

For the State :- Mr. Sudhir Kr. Mahto, Advocate

04/17.09.2025 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as the
learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with
Jama P.S. Case No.73 of 2024 corresponding to G.R. Case No.817 of
2024 for the alleged offences registered under Sections 303(2) of
Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 317 of Bharatiya Nyaya
Sanhita, 2023 has been added vide order dated 06.09.2024 pending in
the Court of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Dumka.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is aged about 72 years and he is a retired government teacher.
He submits that the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent as
disclosed in paragraph No.15 of the petition. He further submits that the
allegations are made that six batteries have been stolen from BSNL 4G
tower and the petitioner happened to be the owner of Bolero vehicle. He
submits that the owner of Scorpio vehicle has been granted anticipatory
bail by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in A.B.A. No.2813 of 2025.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposes the prayer and submits that the name of the petitioner has come on the confessional statement.

5. Considering that the name of the petitioner has come on the confessional statement and the petitioner is aged about 72 years and he is a retired government teacher and the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph No.15 of the petition and the petitioner happened to be the owner of Bolero vehicle and the owner of the Scorpio vehicle has been granted anticipatory bail in aforesaid ABA, I am inclined to provide anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner, above named, is hereby directed to surrender before the learned Court within three weeks from today, and in the event of his surrender/arrest, the petitioner, above named, shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand), with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Dumka in connection with Jama P.S. Case No.73 of 2024 corresponding to G.R. Case No.817 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

*Dated 17.09.2025
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