

(2026:JHHC:27069)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No. 8408 of 2026

Munna Pradhan @ Gagan Pradhan, aged about 35 years, son
of Late Shridhar Pradhan, resident of Village-Kolaidih, P.O.
and P.S.-Kuchai, District-Seraikella Kharsawan at present
Chhota Gamharia, P.O. and P.S.-Gamharia, District-Seraikella
Kharsawan ... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Jitendra N. Upadhyay, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Someshwar Roy, Addl. P.P.

Order No.02 Dated- 09.09.2026

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has moved this Court for grant of bail in connection with S.T. No. 61 of 2026 arising out of Gamharia P.S. Case No.01 of 2026 (MCRA No. 456 of 2026) registered for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1) of the B.N.S., 2023.

This is the second journey of the petitioner with the prayer for regular bail and earlier the prayer for regular bail of the petitioner was rejected vide order dated 25.06.2026 in B.A. No. 2403 of 2026. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the fresh ground is that so far five witnesses have been examined in this case and except the P.W.1, all the four witnesses having not supported the case of the prosecution have been declared hostile and even though the prosecution put leading questions to them still they do not support the case of the prosecution. It is then submitted that P.W.1 has stated that Sukhlal Manjhi came running and informed him that the deceased Dinesh Munda was lying down and the petitioner assaulted him with a big piece of iron but Sukhlal Munda has not been cited as a witness in the list of the witnesses mentioned in the charge sheet. It is further submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are all false. It is next submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedent as has been mentioned in paragraph no.16 of the bail application. It is

then submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 01.01.2026, as has been mentioned in paragraph no. 17 of the bail application. It is next submitted that the petitioner undertakes to cooperate with the trial of the case and further undertakes that he will not annoy or disturb the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioner be admitted to bail.

The learned Addl. P.P. opposes the prayer for bail.

Considering the submissions of the counsels and the fact as discussed above, I am inclined to enlarge the abovenamed petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to 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 Sessions Judge, Seraikella-Kharsawan, in connection with S.T. No. 61 of 2026 arising out of Gamharia P.S. Case No.01 of 2026 (MCRA No. 456 of 2026) with the condition that the petitioner will cooperate with the trial of the case and will furnish his mobile number and a copy of his Aadhar Card in the court below with the undertaking that he will not change his mobile number during the trial of the case, with further condition that he will not annoy or disturb the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

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