

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**  
**B.A. No.9323 of 2026**

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Santosh Mahto aged about 33 years, S/o Kiti Mahto, R/o Village  
- Bedam, P.O. - Partranga, P.S. - Ango, District - Hazaribagh  
(Jharkhand).

.... .... .... Petitioner

*Versus*

The State of Jharkhand .... .... .... Opposite Party

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**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY**

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For the Petitioner : Mr. Kripa Shankar Nanda, Advocate  
For the State : Mr. Sudhir Kr. Mahto, Addl.P.P.

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**Order No:-02 Dated:-06-10-2026**

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has been made accused in connection with  
Chatrochatti P.S. Case No. 11 of 2026 registered for the offences  
punishable under Sections 274, 275, 292, 3(5) of the B.N.S., 2023 and  
Section 47(a) of the Jharkhand Excise Act.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation  
against the petitioner is that the petitioner was in illegal possession of  
792 litres of wine which he took from the co-accused Sona Mahto and  
the same has been recovered from the house of the co-accused Sona  
Mahto. It is next submitted that the allegation against the petitioner is  
false. It is then submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since  
19.08.2026 as mentioned in para-01 of the instant bail application. It is  
further submitted that the co-accused, with similar allegations, has  
already been admitted to bail by this Court vide order dated  
08.05.2026 passed in B.A. No.3959 of 2026. It is lastly submitted that  
the petitioner undertakes to co-operate with the trial of the case and  
also undertakes not to 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 released on bail.

Learned counsel appearing for the State opposes the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

Considering the facts of this case, the above-named petitioner is directed to be enlarged 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 the learned Judicial Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Bermo at Tenughat in connection with Chatrochatti P.S. Case No. 11 of 2026 with the condition that he will co-operate with the trial of the case and furnish his mobile number and photocopy of the Aadhar Card in the court below with an undertaking that he will not change his mobile number during the trial of the case and he will not annoy or disturb the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case.

**(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)**

Dated:-06.10.2026  
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