

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 164 of 2026

Pawan Kumar Kushwaha @ Pawan Kumar, aged about 33 years, son of Anil Dangi, resident of village-Dariyatu, P.O. and P.S. Chatra Sadar, District-Chatra
..... ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI
For the Petitioner :Mrs. Anshu Kumari, Advocate
For the State : Mr. B.N. Ojha, A.P.P.

02/ 04.05.2026: Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Muffasil P.S. Case No. 187 of 2025, registered under sections 17(c), 21(c), 29 of NDPS, pending in the Court of learned District & Sessions Judge-cum-Principal NDPS, Hazaribagh.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the name of the petitioner has come in the confessional statement. She next submits that petitioner is nothing to do with the seized opium and that has been recovered from the apprehended co-accused. On these grounds, she submits that the petitioner may kindly be provided privilege of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer and submits that after accumulating of recovery, the quantity of opium is commercial in nature. He further submits that apprehended co-accused disclosed that petitioner is whole-seller of opium and on his instruction apprehended co-accused persons were selling the opium in Delhi and Haryana and petitioner has one criminal antecedent which has come in para 30 of the petition and in view of that anticipatory bail of the petitioner may kindly be rejected.

5. In view of above and considering that allegations are made

that petitioner is wholeseller of opium and on his instruction apprehended co-accused persons were selling the opium in Delhi and Haryana and petitioner has one criminal antecedent which has come in para 30 of the petition.

6. In the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, his prayer for anticipatory bail is hereby rejected.

Dt.04.05.2026

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(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)