

A.B.A. No. 370 of 2026

Pradip Goswami @ Pradeep Kumar Goswami, son of Purananath Goswami		Petitioner
Versus		
State of Jharkhand through A.C.B., Vigilance		Opposite Party

For the Petitioner : Mrs. Jasvinder Mazumdar, Advocate
For the Opp. Party : Mr. Sumeet Gadodia, Advocate
For the complainant : Mr. Arjun N. Deo, Advocate

07/11.06.2026 Heard the learned counsels appearing on behalf of the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is apprehending arrest in connection with Special (Vig.) Case No. 09 of 2025 arising out of A.C.B. Dhanbad P.S. Case No. 9 of 2025 dated 23.07.2025 wherein an allegation has been levelled against the petitioner that during the period from 03.02.2004 to 31.12.2018 the petitioner has disproportionate asset to the extent of Rs. 29,94,927/- which is 58.25% more than the known source of income.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in the First Information Report, no such calculation has been given as to how the opposite party has arrived at such figure.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is ready to appear and cooperate in the investigation, if some interim protection is granted and a date is also fixed by this Court for appearance of the petitioner. She submits that the petitioner shall produce all the required documents with respect to the sources of income before the authority.

5. Learned counsel for the opposite party- ACB has submitted that the petitioner is an influential person and is not cooperating with the investigation. However, no statement regarding non-cooperation of the petitioner has been mentioned in the counter-affidavit.

6. The complainant Mr. Sunil Kumar Laheri, has referred to his counter-affidavit and has submitted that the calculation in connection

with disproportionate asset has been mentioned in the annexure to the counter-affidavit.

7. After hearing the learned counsels for the parties and considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances, this Court finds that no such stand has been taken by the ACB in the counter-affidavit that the petitioner is not cooperating with the investigation and the learned counsel for the petitioner has expressed that the petitioner is ready to appear before the authority on any date, time and place as may be fixed by this Court.

8. This Court is of the view that the petitioner is entitled to some interim protection by this Court and the date for appearance of the petitioner before the authority be fixed. The petitioner undertakes to appear before ACB, Dhanbad on 29th June, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. with all the necessary documents and shall continue to appear before the said authority as and when the dates are fixed.

9. Post this case on 30th July, 2026.

10. Till 30th July, 2026, no coercive steps be taken against the petitioner.

11. In case the petitioner does not appear before the authority on the date and time as fixed by this Court or on subsequent dates fixed by the concerned authority, it will be open to the authority to take coercive steps against the petitioner.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

Date of Order: 11.06.2026
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