[2026:JHHC:30202]

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No.5641 of 2026

Nripendra Nath Kumhar @ Nipa Kumhar @ Nripendra Nath Kumar, aged about 64 years, S/O Shashibhusan Kumhar, R/O: Panchayat-Bandu, P.O.- Bandu, P.S.- Ichagarh, Chamda, District-Seraikela-Kharsawan .... …. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand .... Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Ms. Soniya Hansda, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Prabhu Dayal Agrawal, Spl.P.P.

Order No:-02 Dated:-08-10-2026

Heard the parties.

Apprehending his arrest in connection with Ichagarh P.S. Case No.23 of 2025 instituted under Sections 15, 18, 46 of the N.D.P.S. Act, the petitioner has moved this Court for grant of privileges of anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner was involved in cultivation of poppy crop. It is submitted that the allegation against the petitioner is false. Drawing attention of this Court towards para-06 of the instant bail application, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has no criminal antecedent. It is next submitted that the petitioner has been implicated in this case alleging that he is the owner of the land where the cultivation was found but the land where the cultivation took place, belongs to the Forest Department and the petitioner has got no concern with the land as mentioned in para-8 of the instant bail application. It is also submitted that the co-accused, with similar allegations, has already been given the privileges of anticipatory bail by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 13.01.2026

passed in A.B.A. No.80 of 2026. It is lastly submitted that the petitioner undertakes to co-operate with the investigation of the case. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioner be given the privileges of anticipatory bail.

Learned Spl. P.P appearing for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

Considering the submissions of learned counsels and the facts and circumstances stated above, I am inclined to grant privileges of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to surrender in the Court below within two weeks from today and in the event of his arrest or surrendering, he will be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Twenty five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Sessions Judge, Seraikella-Kharsawan at Seraikella in connection with Ichagarh P.S. Case No.23 of 2025 **with the condition that he will co-operate with the investigation of the case and appear before the investigating officer as and when noticed by him and furnish his mobile number and photocopy of the Aadhar Card with an undertaking that he will not change his mobile number during the pendency of case** and further conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

Dated-08.10.2026-Animesh/