

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No.2908 of 2025**

Bipul Pandey @ Bipul Kumar Dhamin @ Bipul Kumar, S/o Sakal Pandey @ Sakaldeo Pandey Dhamin, R/o village-Naudiha Itkhori, P.O. & P.S.-Mayurhand, District-Chatra

..... Petitioner.

-Versus-

The State of Jharkhand Opp. Party.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

Order No.02

Date: 29.05.2025

1. The petitioner apprehending his arrest in connection with Mayurhand P.S. Case No. 06 of 2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 303(2), 317(5) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; Sections 4/21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957; Rules 4/54 of the Jharkhand Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2004 and Rules 7/9/13 of the Jharkhand Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage) Rules, 2017, pending in the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Chatra, has prayed for grant of anticipatory bail.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and has not committed any offence as alleged in the F.I.R. The petitioner has no concern with the sand allegedly recovered from village Soki. He has been implicated in this case merely on the hearsay statements of the villagers. Except that, there is no other evidence to connect the petitioner with the alleged offence.

Similarly situated co-accused persons namely, Vinay Mehta and Seven Kumar Pandey @ Sewani Kumar Pandey & Santosh Kumar Mehta have already been granted anticipatory bail by different Benches of this Court vide orders dated 11.04.2025 & 27.05.2025 passed in A.B.A. No. 2312 of 2025 & A.B.A. No. 2860 of 2025 respectively. Though the petitioner has criminal antecedents, however, so far as the present case is concerned, he has been implicated in the same without any cogent evidence. He, however, undertakes to co-operate in ongoing investigation of the case. Hence, he may be given the privilege of anticipatory bail.

3. Learned A.P.P. opposes the petitioner's prayer for grant of anticipatory bail.
4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the materials available on record, I am inclined to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail.
5. Accordingly, the petitioner, above named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the court below within three weeks from today, shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Chatra in connection with Mayurhand P.S. Case No.06 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

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