

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 3635 of 2026**

Fatik Chandra Mahto, aged about 54 years, son of Late Bhavtosh Mahto,
resident of Village Chandra, P.O. and P.S. Sunder Pahari, District Godda
..... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Ms. Jasvindar Mazumdar, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Vineet Kumar Vashistha, Special P.P.

02/07.07.2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Godda (Town) P.S. Case No. 28 of 2026, registered for the offence under Sections 316(2), 319(2), 318(4), 316(5), 223 and 132 of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, pending in the court of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Godda.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner runs a N.G.O. which is registered in the name of Adim Jati Seva Kendra, Godda and certificate has been issued by the Government of Jharkhand, Department of Women Child Development and Social Security as a Child Care Institution under Section 41(1) of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) for the period of five years w.e.f. 03.08.2023 vide letter dated 08.08.2023 contained in Annexure 2. She further submits that Chairperson/Member of Child Welfare Committee gives the custody of a child in an Institution/N.G.O. run by the petitioner. She next submits that the children were duly released to the Child Welfare Committee which is evident from release-cum-restoration contained in Annexure- 4 series. She also submits that false allegation is made against the petitioner of doing irregularities in running of the said N.G.O. On these grounds, she submits that anticipatory bail may kindly be granted.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposes the prayer and submits that the allegations are there of doing irregularities in running of the said N.G.O.

5. Considering that the N.G.O. of this petitioner has been registered with the Government of Jharkhand vide Annexure- 3 series and child was handed over to Child Welfare Committee and the Annexure- 4 series clearly suggests that there are release order of the Child Welfare Committee, in the attending facts and circumstances, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the above-named petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned court within two weeks from today and in the event of his arrest or surrender, he shall 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 Chief Judicial Magistrate, Godda, in connection with Godda (Town) P.S. Case No. 28 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated 07.07.2026

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