(2025:JHHC:32739)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B. A. No. 5217 of 2025

Kailash Singh @ Kailash Prasad Singh Khawar, aged 51 years, son of Jagannath Singh, resident of Village- Duragada, Chouparan, P.O. & P.S.- Chouparan, District- Hazaribag.

…. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand …. Opp. Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMBUJ NATH

For the Petitioner : Mr. Nilesh Kumar, Advocate
For the Opp. Party : Mr. Prabir Kumar Chatterjee, Spl.P.P.

5/ 31.10.2025 Heard the parties.

2. Petitioner has been made accused in connection with Chouparan P.S. Case No. 175 of 2024 corresponding to N.D.P.S. Case No. 40 of 2024 for the offences registered under Sections 17(c), 18(c), 20(b)(ii)(c) and 29 of the N.D.P.S. Act, pending in the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-VII, Hazaribag.

3. Bail application of this petitioner was earlier dismissed as withdrawn by this Court vide B.A. No. 8831 of 2024 by order dated 21.01.2025.

4. It is alleged that 82.2 kilograms of poppy straw and 35.5 kilograms of Ganja were recovered from the house of the petitioner. The quantum of seized contraband comes within the purview of commercial quantity.

5. It was submitted that there is no material to show that the said house belonged to the petitioner.

6. A report regarding stage of trial was earlier called for, has been received. It appears that out of seven charge-sheeted witnesses, two have been examined.

7. Considering the nature of allegation and the fact that trial is under progress, I am not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, his prayer for bail is rejected.

8. Learned Trial Court shall expedite the trial and conclude the same, preferably within six months, from the next date fixed for recording of evidence.

(Ambuj Nath, J.)

R.Kr.

31.10.2025