

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 423 of 2026

1. Ramswaroop Yadav @ Satendra Yadav @Satendra Prasad Yadav @ Sakendra Prasad Yadav aged about 33 yrs. son of Bhuneshwar Yadav, resident Village Kolmalhan, P.O.- Gerua, P.S. - Pratappur, District - Chatra.
2. Gopal Yadav @Gopal Kumar Yadav aged about 43 yrs. son of Basusev Yadav @Vasu Yadav, resident Village Kolmalhan, P.O. - Gerua, P.S. Pratappur, District - Chatra.
3. Buteshwar Yadav @ Butesar Yadav aged about 44 yrs, son of Harkhu Yadav, resident Village Kolmalhan, P.O. - Gerua, P.S. - Pratappur, District - Chatra.
4. Sarvan Yadav @ Sharawan Yadav aged about 40 yrs, son of Harkhu Yadav, resident Village Kolmalhan, P.O. Gerua, P.S. - Pratappur, District - Chatra.
5. Budhan Yadav aged about 38 yrs, son of Late Jagdish Yadav, resident Village Kolmalhan, P.O. Gerua, P.S. Pratappur, District Chatra.
6. Dhananjay Yadav @ Dhananjay Kumar Ydav @ Dhananjay Kumar Yadav aged about 34 yrs. son of Birendra Yadav, resident Village Kolmalhan, P.O. Gerua, P.S. - Pratappur, District Chatra..

..... ... Petitioners

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... ... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners

:Mr. Sushant Kr. Sinha, Advocate

For the State

: Mr. B.N. Ojha, A.P.P

02/ 28.01.2026: Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Pratappur P.S. Case No. 108 of 2025 registered under section 20 of N.D.P.S. Act, pending in the Court of learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge (NDPS), Chatra.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in this case only on the basis of suspicion. He further submits that allegations are made of cultivation of poppy plant in the forest area and even the land is not belonging to the petitioners. He next submits that petitioners have no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 16 of the petition. On these grounds, he submits that the petitioners

may kindly be provided privilege of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer and submits that allegations are there of cultivation of poppy plant in the forest area.

5. Considering that land is of the Forest Department and the petitioners have got no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 16 of the petition, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners. Accordingly, the above named, petitioners are directed to surrender before the learned court within three weeks from today and in the event of their surrender / arrest, the petitioners shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 25,000/- (twenty five thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge (NDPS), Chatra, in connection with Pratappur P.S. Case No. 108 of 2025, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S, 2023.

Dt.28.01.2026

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

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