

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 927 of 2026

1. Shashi Shekhar Prasad, son of Late Prem Kumar
2. Sanjay Shekhar @ Sanjay Prasad, Son of Late Prem Kumar
... .. Petitioners
Versus
The State of Jharkhand through Anti-Corruption Bureau
... .. Opp. Party

CORAM: HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioners : Mr. Indrajit Sinha, Advocate
Mr. Akhouri Awinash Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Souma Ranjan Mukherjee, Advocate
For the Opp. Party : Mr. Sumeet Gadodia, Advocate
Mr. Ritesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate
Mr. Nillohit Choubey, Advocate

05/23rd April 2026

1. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are in custody in connection with Hazaribagh ACB P.S. Case No. 11 of 2025 for the offence registered under Section 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act and Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120B of the Indian Penal Code, now said to have been pending in the court of learned Special Judge Vigilance (ACB), Hazaribagh.
2. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that *the petitioners are the vendors of the property* and the different sale deeds were executed in connection with Khata no. 95, plot No. 1060. He has further submitted that the plot is a large plot and the entire plot is not the forest land. He has referred to paragraph 13 of the bail application to submit that as per the map, the property was demarcated by the Forest Department and the land sold does not fall as forest land. He has further submitted that otherwise also, there is no allegation against the petitioners in the matter of mutation, which is the main allegation in the FIR. No role has been

assigned to the petitioners in that connection. The learned counsel has also submitted that similarly placed co-accused has been enlarged on bail in B.A. No. 1701 of 2026.

3. Learned counsel for the opposite party has opposed the prayer for bail.

4. However, in the counter-affidavit, no specific role of the petitioners has been mentioned in the matter of mutation done with respect to the properties so transferred.

5. To this, the learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners are in custody since 06.12.2025 and charge-sheet has already been submitted.

6. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and considering the fact that the petitioners are the vendors of the property and as per the allegation, the specific role has been assigned with respect to the purchasers, who got the property mutated in connivance with the government officials, the petitioners are directed to be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rs. Twenty-Five Thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Judge Vigilance (ACB), Hazaribagh in connection with Hazaribagh ACB P.S. Case No. 11 of 2025, subject to the following conditions: -

- (i) One of the bailors would be the present *pairvikar* of the petitioners.
- (ii) The other bailor should be their close relative.
- (iii) The petitioners will attend the court on each and every date and on account of their single default, the learned court shall cancel the bail bond furnished by the petitioners.
- (iv) The petitioners would deposit a self-attested copy of their Aadhar Cards along with their Mobile Numbers before the learned court, which they shall not change during the pendency of the case without prior permission of the court.
- (v) The petitioners shall fully co-operate with the proceedings before the learned court and also co-operate with the authorities as and when required.

7. The instant bail application is allowed with the aforesaid conditions.
8. Let a copy of this order along with a copy of the affidavit filed with the bail petition be communicated to the court concerned through 'e-mail/FAX'.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

Dated: 23.04.2026

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