

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 740 of 2026

1. Suresh Ganjhu, son of late Nakul Ganjhu, aged abut 37 years
2. Raghu Bharti @ Raghu Bhuiyan son of late Mangar Bharti @Mangar Bhuiyan, aged about 44 years
Both residents of village Bami, P.O. and 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. Agnivesh, Advocate

For the State

: Mr. Prabir Kr. Chatterjee, Spl.P.P.

02/ 11.02.2026: Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Complaint Case No. 150 of 2021 registered under sections 33 (1) (c) of Indian Forest Act, pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that false allegation has been made of cultivation of poppy plant in the forest area. He further submits that petitioners have got no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 19 of the petition. On these grounds, she 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 the land is of the forest department and petitioners have got no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 19 of the petition and in that view of the matter, petitioners are directed to surrender before the learned court within two weeks from today and the learned court shall release the petitioners on terms and conditions and sureties as learned court deems fit and proper.

6. This anticipatory bail application is disposed of.

Dt.11.02.2026

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

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