

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 778 of 2026

Nirmal Bhuiyan, aged about 38 years, son of Fagu Bhuiyan, resident of Vill.
Hasot, P.O. Mokatma, P.S. Chatra, District- Chatra, Jharkhand

... Petitioner

-Versus-

The State of Jharkhand

... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Anurag Kashyap, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Fahad Allam, A.P.P.

02/12.02.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned counsel
appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Complaint
Case No.1239/2020, registered for the offence under Section 33 of Indian
Forest Act, pending in the Court of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Chatra.
3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that false
allegation is made against the petitioner of cultivating poppy plants on forest
land. He further submits that even the land is not belonging to the petitioner
and poppy plant was not cultivated. He next submits that the petitioner is not
having criminal antecedent, as disclosed in paragraph 12 of this application.
4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and
submits that the allegations are there of cultivation on forest land.
5. Considering that the land is belonging to the Forest Department and
that is not belonging to the petitioner and the petitioner has got no criminal
antecedent, as disclosed in paragraph 12 of this application and in that view
of the matter, the petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned Court
within two weeks from today and the learned Court shall release the petitioner
on such terms and conditions which the learned Court may deem fit and
proper.
6. Accordingly, this application is disposed of.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated: 12th February, 2026
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