

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 1671 of 2026

1. Rajesh Kumar Ganjhu @ Rajesh Ganjhu, aged about 30 years, son of Bechan Ganjhu, resident of village-Pagar, P.O. Keredari, P.S. Keredari, District-Hazaribag
 2. Suresh Mahto, aged about 43 years, son of Devdhan Mahto, resident of village-Pagar, P.O. Keredari, P.S. Keredari, District-hazaribag
 3. Mohammad Usman @ Jumam Miyan aged about 45 years, son of Abdul Subhan, resident of village-Pagar, P.O. Pandu, P.S. Keredari,
- Petitioners

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... ... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners

:Mr. Ram Lakhan Yadav, Advocate

For the State

: Mrs. Anuradha Sahay, A.P.P.

06/ 23.04.2026: Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Keredari P.S. Case No. 34 of 2023, for the offences registered under Sections 143/341/427/353 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 3 of the Damage to Public Property Act, pending in the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate, Ist Class, Hazaribagh.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the present case and have not committed any offence as alleged in the F.I.R. As per the allegation, an agency namely, Jai Ambe Road Lines Pvt. Ltd. was engaged by the NTPC on 05.01.2023 for transportation of coal from Chatti Bariyatu Coal Mining Project, however, due to continuous agitation and blocking of transit road by 22 named accused persons including the petitioners and 150 villagers, the said agency failed to start the transportation of coal. He next submits that the petitioners have been named in the F.I.R, however, they are the land losers and were making agitation demanding the legitimate compensation and rehabilitation as per the scheme of NTPC. He also submits that the petitioners are poor villagers

and they undertake to co-operate in the ongoing investigation. He next submits that six of the co-accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail in A.B.A. No. 3110 of 2024 by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court. Hence, they may be given the privilege of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned A.P.P opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail and submits that allegations of stopping the trucks and disconnecting the route of coal transportation and causing loss to the company.

5. Considering that petitioners have been named in the F.I.R, however, they are the land losers and were making agitation demanding the legitimate compensation and rehabilitation as per the scheme of NTPC and six of the co-accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail in A.B.A. No. 3110 of 2024 by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, I am inclined to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail. Accordingly, the petitioners above named, in the event of their arrest/surrender within three weeks from today, shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Judicial Magistrate, 1 st Class, Hazaribagh, in connection with Keredari P.S. Case No. 34/2023, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of Cr.P.C.

Dt.23.04.2026

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(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)