

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

A.B.A. No. 1725 of 2026

1.Hemlal Choudhary, aged about 42 years, son of Nema Chaudhary resident of Village Balania Khejuria PO Pandeyapura, PS Huntrganj, District Chatra

2.Umesh Bhokta, aged about 28 years, son of Naho Bhokta, resident of Village Sijua, PO Jogiara, PS Pratappur, District Chatra

3.Pun Ganjhu, aged about 42 years, son of Phagu Ganjhu, resident of Village Sijua, PO Jogiara PS Pratappur, District Chatra

.... Petitioners

-- Versus --

The State of Jharkhand

.... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners :- Mr. Vijayant Verma, Advocate

For the State :- Mr. Bishwambhar Shastri, Advocate

2/17.04.2026 Heard learned counsels for petitioners and for State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Complaint Case No.1300 of 2020 corresponding to Offence Report No.4258 dated 24.12.2020, for offence registered under section 33(c) of Indian Forest Act 1927 (Bihar Amendment Act, 1989), pending in court of learned SDJM, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have falsely been implicated in this for doing cultivation of poppy plants in forest land. He next submits that the petitioners are having no criminal antecedent as disclosed in para-8 of the

petition and he submits that the land is of the forest department and is not belonging to the petitioners.

4. Learned State counsel opposes prayer and submits that allegations are there of cultivation of poppy plants in forest land.

5. Considering that the land is of the forest department and is not belonging to the petitioners and petitioners are having no criminal antecedent as aforesaid, the petitioners, above named, are, hereby, directed to surrender before learned court within two weeks from today, and learned court shall release the petitioners, above named, on such terms and conditions as well as sureties as the learned court may deem fit and proper.

6. A.B.A. No.1725 of 2026 is disposed of.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

17.04.2026

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