

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

A.B.A. No. 995 of 2026

1.Arvind Kumar Lal, aged about 56 years, son of late Mahabir Das, resident of 496C, Ashok Nagar Colony, PO Doranda, PS Argora, District Ranchi, Jharkhand, Pin 834002, Presently posted as: Deputy Secretary, Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission, Kali Nagar, PO Namkom, PS Namkom, District Ranchi, Jharkhand

2.Sanjay Pandey, aged about 55 years, son of late Raghu Nandan Pandey, resident of Lina Villa, R.N. Gose Road, VTC: Deoghar, PO B. Deoghar, Sub District B.Deoghar, District Deoghar, Jharkhand 814 112. Presently Posted as: Deputy Secretary, Department of Home, Prison and Disaster Management (Government of Jharkhand), Project Building, PO and PS Dhurwa, District Ranchi, Jharkhand

3.Anjana Das, aged about 50 years, d/o Sri Shatrughan Das, Harihar Singh Estate, Kusum Vihar, Road No.4, Morabadi, PO Ranchi University, PS Bariatu, PO Ranchi University, District Ranchi, Jharkhand -834008, Presently posted as: District Panchayati Raj Officer, PO Lohardaga, PS Lohardaga, District Lohardaga, Jharkhand

4.Kumudini Tudu, aged about 50 years, c/o Sri Santosh Murmu, Village Shivanagar, PO Guhiajori, PS Jama, District Dumka, Jharkhand -814158. Presently posted as: Under Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative, Government of Jharkhand, Nepal House, PO and PS Doranda, District Ranchi, Jharkhand.... Petitioners

-- *Versus* --

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners

:- Mr. Abhishek Krishna Gupta, Advocate

For the C.B.I.

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Mr. Rahul Kumar Mishra, Advocate

Mr. Deepak Kumar Bharati, Advocate

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8/09.03.2026 Heard learned counsels for petitioners and for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with R.C.05(A)/2012-AHD-R, for offence registered under section 420, 423, 424, 467, 468, 469, 471, 477-A, 120B, 109, 201 IPC and sections 13(2) r/w 13 (1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption (PC) Act, 1988, pending in court of learned AJC-XVIII-cum- Spl. Judge, CBI (Ranchi).

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have cleared the JPSC Examination of the year 2003 and the charge sheet has not been submitted against the petitioners, however, the learned court has been pleased to take cognizance. He next submits that the co-accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail in ABA No.1707 of 2025 and ABA No.5198 of 2025.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent CBI opposes the prayer and submits that the learned court has rightly taken cognizance, however, he is not disputing the fact that other co-accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail as aforesaid.

5. In view of the above and considering that the charge sheet has already been submitted and there is no chance of tampering with the evidence by the petitioners and the learned court, differing with the charge sheet, has been pleased to take cognizance against the

petitioners. There is no doubt that the learned court differing with the charge sheet can take cognizance, however, cogent reasons are required to be there in the order taking cognizance and the co-accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail in the aforesaid A.B.As, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners, above named, are hereby directed to surrender before learned court within three weeks from today, and in the event of their surrender/arrest, the petitioners, above named, shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) each, with two sureties of like amount each, to satisfaction of learned AJC-XVIII-cum- Spl. Judge, CBI (Ranchi), in connection with R.C.05(A)/2012-AHD-R, subject to the conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

09.03.2026
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