

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 1902 of 2026

1. Sunil Yadav				
2. Pappu Kumar Yadav @ Pappu Kumar,				
Both sons of Rambalak Yadav, resident of Village Hathuwadharan, P.O.				
Gujhandhi, P.S. Jhumri Telaiya, District Koderma				
				Petitioners
	Versus			
The State of Jharkhand				Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners	: Mr. Randhir Kumar, Advocate
For the State	: Ms. Anuradha Sahay, A.P.P.

02/29.04.2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Telaiya P.S. Case No. 234 of 2025, registered for the offence under Sections 272, 274, 275, 292 and 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 47(a)(f) of Jharkhand Excise Act, pending in the court of learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Koderma.
3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the allegations are made that 60 liters of the Mahua liquor has been recovered from the forest area. He submits that the petitioners have nothing to do with the said Mahua liquor and the name of the petitioners have come only on suspicion. He also submits that the petitioners are having one criminal antecedent as disclosed in para 12 of the petition. He next submits that two of the accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail in A.B.A. No.1807 of 2026.
4. Learned counsel appearing for the State has opposed the prayer and submits that the petitioner is having criminal antecedent.
5. Considering that the recovery has been made from forest area and there is no concrete evidence to prove that the petitioners have kept the Mahua liquor in the forest area and further the criminal antecedents cannot be sole ground for either rejecting or allowing the anticipatory or regular bail application and two of the accused persons in identical situation, have been granted anticipatory bail in A.B.A. No.1807 of 2026 and in that view of the matter, the petitioners, named above, are directed to surrender before the learned Court within two weeks from today and the learned Court shall release the petitioners on such terms and conditions or the sureties in the light of Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 as the learned Court may deem fit and proper.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)