

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 1875 of 2026

- 1.** Punit Singh, aged about 60 years, son of Jhaman Singh
- 2.** Surendra Singh @ Surendra Kumar, aged about 29 years, son of Punit Singh
- 3.** Ghanshyam Singh, aged about 32 years, son of Laxaman Singh
- 4.** Dhano Singh @ Thanu Singh, aged about 41 years, son of Bandhan Singh

All are resident of village – Pathel, PO and PS – Rajpur, District - Chatra

.... Petitioners

-- Versus --

The State of Jharkhand

.... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners :- Mr. Rohan Mazumdar, Advocate

For the State :- Mr. Prabhu Dayal Agrawal, Advocate

02/22.04.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioners as well as the learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Rajpur P.S. Case No.32 of 2020 for the alleged offences registered under Sections 147, 148, 149, 332, 353, 188, 269 and 270 of Indian Penal Code and Section 03 of Epidemic Diseases Act pending in the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that allegations are made that when the police party has reached to the village to search the three houses of co-villagers where opium has been kept and the villagers along with the ladies and children have assembled on the spot and prevented to do raid by the police. He

further submits that petitioners are said to be co-villagers, however, they are named and the allegations are made of assault against the police party. He then submits that incident has occurred during Covid-19. He also submits that the petitioners will cooperate in the investigation.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and submits that the petitioners are named in the FIR and the allegations are there of making assault upon the police party and in the order of learned Sessions Judge it has come that the petitioners are not cooperating in the investigation.

5. Considering that the FIR is of the year 2020 and that has occurred during the period of Covid-19 and the allegations are there against all the villagers of assembling and preventing the police, however, the petitioners are named in the FIR and the allegations are there against them of assaulting the police party and that has occurred during the period of Covid-19 epidemic and at that time the entire country has faced the turbulence and in that view of the matter the petitioners are directed to surrender before the learned Court within two weeks and the learned Court shall release the petitioners on such terms and conditions or the sureties as the learned Court may deem fit and proper.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

*Dated 22.04.2026
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