

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No. 3081 of 2026

1. Krishna Mohan Shukla, aged about 57 years, son of Kamal Kant Shukla, Resident of village- Chiraiya, Post Office- Kotam, Police Station- Garu, District- Latehar, Jharkhand.

2. Vijay Oraon, Aged about 36 years, Son of Bhuneshwar Oraon, Resident of Village- Kabri, Post Office- Kotam, Police Station- Garu, District- Latehar, Jharkhand.

.... Petitioners

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioners : Mr. Bhawesh Kumar, Advocate
Mr. Ravi Kumar, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Pankaj Kumar, P.P.

Order No:-02 Dated:-16-04-2026

Heard the parties.

The petitioners have been made accused in connection with Garu P.S. Case No. 49 of 2020, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 406/420/467/468/34/120B of the Indian Penal Code.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submit that the allegation against the petitioners is that the petitioners being the vendors of MANREGA Scheme, in criminal conspiracy with the co-accused persons embezzled the amount regarding payment to be made to the *meth* and the labourers, without directly making the payment to them; as is required under the said Act and in instead of transferred the said amount is to his own bank account. It is alleged that the petitioner No. 1 has embezzled Rs. 11,99,662.72 and the petitioner No. 2 has embezzled Rs. 1,85,774.08 by getting them transferred to their own account. It is submitted that the allegations against the petitioners are false. It is next submitted that the petitioners have not committed any offence. It is also submitted that according to MANREGA guidelines, payment of Meth and Mistry is to be made by the vendors. It is further submitted that the petitioners have no criminal antecedent as

is evident from para-11 of the instant bail application. It is then submitted that the petitioners have been in custody since 14.02.2026 as is evident from para-1 of the instant bail application. It is lastly submitted that the petitioners undertake to co-operate with the trial of the case and also undertake not to annoy or disturb the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioners be released on bail.

Learned counsel appearing for the State opposes the prayer for bail of the petitioners.

Considering the facts of this case, the above-named petitioners are directed to be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Latehar in connection with Garu P.S. Case No. 49 of 2020 **with the condition that they will co-operate with the trial of the case and furnish their mobile number and photocopy of the Aadhar Card in the court below with an undertaking that they will not change their mobile number during the trial of the case and they will not annoy or disturb the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case.**

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

Dated:- 16.04.2026
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