

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 2174 of 2026**

1. Sanva Bhuiya @ Sopnu Bharti aged about 49 years
S/o Balo Bhuiyan, R/o village Ichatu, P.O. & P.S.
Kunda, District Chatra.

2. Tuletar Bharti @ Kulertar Bharti @ Fulitar Bharti,
aged about 58 years, S/o Balo Bhuiyan, R/O Vill.
Ichatu, P.O & PS Kunda, District Chatra.

3. Punit Bharti aged about 30 years S/o Saradhu Bharti
R/o Ichatu, P.O. & P.S. Kunda, District Chatra.

..... .. Petitioners
Versus
The State of Jharkhand
..... .. Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners : Ms. Tanu Kumari, Advocate.
For the State : Mr. Subodh Kumar Dubey, A.P.P.

06/ 07.05.2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned A.P.P
for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection
with Complaint Case No. 68 of 2021, registered for the offence under
Section 33(1)(c) of the Indian Forest Act, pending in the court of
learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that
false allegation is made against the petitioners of cultivation of poppy
plant in the forest land. He next submits that the said land is not
belonging to these petitioners. He further submits that the petitioners
are having no criminal antecedent and disclosure to that effect has been
made in para-18 of the petition.

4. Learned A.P.P. appearing for the State has opposed the
prayer and submits that the allegations are there of cultivation of the
poppy plant in the forest land.

5. Considering that the land is of forest department and the petitioners are having no criminal antecedent and disclosure to that effect has been made in para-18 of the petition and in the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, above named.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners, named above, are directed to surrender before the learned court within three weeks from today and in the event of their surrender / arrest, the petitioners shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 25,000/- (twenty five thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chatra, in connection with Complaint Case No. 68 of 2021, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated:-07.05.2026
Amitesh/-