

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 2009 of 2026

1. Pradeep Ganjhu, aged about 32 years, son of Banshi Ganjhu
2. Kamlesh Ganjhu, aged about 25 years, son of Tulu Ganjhu,
Both are resident of village – Karandag Tola, Gurgurbar, PO
and PS - Herhanj, District – Latehar

.... Petitioners

-- Versus --

The State of Jharkhand

.... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners :- Mr. Nandan Prasad, Advocate

For the State :- Mrs. Bandana Sinha, Advocate

02/04.05.2026 Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners as well as the learned counsel for the respondent State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Herhanj P.S. Case No. 46 of 2024, for the offence registered under Sections 17/18 of NDPS Act, pending in the court of learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, NDPS at Latehar.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that during the pendency of this anticipatory bail application petitioner No.2 has already been apprehended and in that view of the matter, he is not pressing the petition in respect of petitioner No.2, namely, Kamlesh Ganjhu. He submits that now this petition is surviving only for

petitioner No.1.

4. In view of his such submission, the anticipatory bail of petitioner No.2, namely Kamlesh Ganjhu, is rejected as not pressed.

5. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that false allegation is made against the petitioner No.1 of cultivation of poppy plant on the forest land. He further submits that the petitioner No.1 has got no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph No.19 of the petition. He then submits that in identical situation co-accused persons have already been granted anticipatory bail by different orders contained in Annexure-2 series.

6. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and submits that allegations are there of cultivation of poppy plant against petitioner No.1 on the forest land.

7. Considering that the land is of the forest department and that is not belonging to the petitioner No.1 and the petitioner No.1 has got no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph No.19 of the petition, I am inclined to provide privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner No.1, namely, Pradeep Ganjhu.

8. Accordingly, the petitioner No.1, above named, is hereby directed to surrender before the learned Court within three weeks from today, and in the event of his surrender/arrest, the petitioner No.1, above named, shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand), with two

sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, NDPS at Latehar in connection with Herhanj P.S. Case No. 46 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

*Dated 04.05.2026
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