

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 2316 of 2026

Rati Ganjhu, aged about 61 years, son of late Latpatiya Ganjhu, resident of
village Barhed, P.O. and P.S. Lawalong, District-Chatra

..... Petitioners

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :Mr. Binod Kumar Dubey, Advocate

Mr. Harsh Utsav, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Naveen Kumar Gaunjhu, A.P.P.

02/ 08.05.2026: Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with
Lawalong P.S. Case No. 83 of 2025, registered under sections 18, 27 (a), 28,
29, 30 of NDPS Act and 33 of Indian Forest Act, pending in the Court of
learned Sessions Judge, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that false allegation
is made of cultivation of poppy plant in the forest area. He next submits that
the said land is not belonging to the petitioner and petitioner has got no
criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 17 of the petition. On these
grounds, he submits that the petitioner may kindly be provided privilege of
anticipatory bail.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer and submits
that allegations are there of cultivation of poppy plant in the forest area.

5. Considering that land is of the forest department and petitioners
have got no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 17 of the petition,
I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners. Accordingly, the
above named, petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned court
within three weeks from today and in the event of their surrender / arrest,
the petitioner shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.

25,000/- (twenty five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Sessions Judge, Chatra, in connection with Lawalong P.S. Case No. 83 of 2025, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S, 2023.

Dt.08.05.2026

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(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)