

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 2286 of 2026

1. Thakuri Ganjhu, aged 42 years, son of late Babulal Ganjhu
 2. Manoj Ganjhu @ Koleshwar Ganjhu, aged 36 years, son of Sukun Ganjhu
Both residents of Village Tikda (Khakhar), P.O. & P.S. Lawalong,
District- Chatra
- ... Petitioners**
- Versus-**
- The State of Jharkhand
- ... Opposite Party**
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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners : Mr. Anupam Anand, Advocate
Mr. Pranav Kumar, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Pankaj Kumar Mishra, A.P.P.

02/08.05.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Complaint Case No.1609 of 2025, registered for the offence under Section 33(1)(c) of the Indian Forest Act and Sections 27 and 29 of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, pending in the Court of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that false allegations are made against the petitioners of cultivation of poppy plants on the forest land. He further submits that the land is not belonging to the petitioners. He next submits that the petitioners have got no criminal antecedent, as disclosed in paragraph 20 of this application.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and submits that the allegations are there of cultivation of poppy plants on the forest land.

5. Considering that the land is of the Forest Department and that is not belonging to the petitioners and the petitioners have got no criminal antecedent, as disclosed in paragraph 20 of this application and in the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to extend the privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, the above-named petitioners are directed to surrender before the learned Court within three weeks from today and in the event of their arrest or surrender, they shall be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Twenty Five Thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chatra in connection with Complaint Case No.1609 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

*Dated: 8th May, 2026
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