

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 3105 of 2026

1.Ranjit Paswan, aged about 41 years, son of Keshvar Pasvan
 2.Ramesh Prajapati @ Rama Prajapati aged about 50 years son
 of Mani Prajapati, All residents of Village Bhauraj, PO and PS
 Pratappur Dist. Chatra, Jharkhand Petitioners

-- Versus --

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners :- Mr. Manish Yadav, Advocate
 For the State :- Mr. Navin Kr Ganjhu, Advocate

2/16.06.2026 Heard learned counsels for petitioners and for State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending his arrest in connection with Pratappur PS Case No.150 of 2022, for offence registered under section 306/34 IPC and Sections 3/4 of Prevention of Witchcraft (*Daain*) Practices Act, pending in court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-II, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel for petitioners submits that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in this case and there are general and omnibus allegations against the petitioners. He next submits that the trial of the petitioners are still going on and the charge sheet has been submitted against some of the accused persons and the other accused persons are facing trial in ST No.338 of 2023. He next submits that the informant has been examined as PW-1 and he has stated before the learned Sessions Judge in his deposition that these petitioners were not involved and their name has come inadvertently and, on these grounds, he submits that anticipatory bail to the petitioners may kindly be granted.

4. Learned State counsel opposes prayer and submits that the

allegations are there against all the accused persons of addressing the deceased by saying *Daain* and in view of that, she has committed suicide and, on these grounds, he submits that anticipatory bail may kindly be rejected.

5. Looking to the contents of the FIR it transpires that there are general and omnibus allegations of addressing the deceased as *Daain* against all the accused persons including the petitioners and some of the accused persons are facing trial in ST Case No.338 of 2023 and PW-1 whose statement is annexed as Annexure-2 in paragraph no.6 of the said deposition has stated that these petitioners are not involved and their name has inadvertently come, and in the attending facts and circumstances of the present case, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to both the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, both the petitioners, above named, are hereby directed to surrender before learned court within three weeks from today, and in event of their surrender/arrest, petitioners, above named, shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) each, with two sureties of like amount each, to satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-II, Chatra, in connection with Pratappur PS Case No.150 of 2022, subject to the conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

16.06.2026
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