

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 3147 of 2026

Sonu Ram, aged about 29 years, son of Jogindra Ram @ Jogendra Ram
resident of village Jori, P.O. and P.S. Jori, District-Chatra

..... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner

:Mr. Anupam Anand, Advocate

Mr. Pranav Kumar, Advocate

For the State

: Mr. Prabir Kumar Chatterjee, Spl.P.P.

02/ 18.06.2026: Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Complaint Case No. 233 of 2021, registered under sections 33(1) (C) of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that false allegation is made against the petitioner of cultivation of poppy plant in the forest land. He next submits that the said land is not belonging to the petitioner. He further submits that the petitioner has got one criminal antecedent in which he has been granted anticipatory bail.

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 the forest department and petitioner is having one criminal antecedent in which he has been granted anticipatory bail.

6. In the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the above named, petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned court within

three weeks from today and in the event of his 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 S.D.J.M, Chatra, in connection with Complaint Case No. 233 of 2021, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S, 2023.

Dt.18.06.2026

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(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)