

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 3179 of 2026

1. Sonu Choudhary, aged about 23 years, son of Jagdish Choudhary
2. Prakash Ganjhu, aged about 24 years, son of Bangali Ganjhu
3. Mahendra Ganjhu, aged about 34 years, son of Ramesh Ganjhu
4. Gopal Singh @ Karu Singh, aged about 56 years, son of Nageshwar Singh
5. Sanoj Ganjhu @ Sanoj Kumar, aged about 28 years, son of Madan Ganjhu

All are residents of Village Ichak, P.O. & P.S. Kunda, District- Chatra

... Petitioners

-Versus-

The State of Jharkhand

... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners : Md. Hadish Ansari, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Shiv Shankar Kumar, A.P.P.

02/19.06.2026 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.395 of 2026, registered for the offence under Section 33(1)(c) of the Indian Forest Act, pending in the Court of the learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the case alleging that they have cultivated poppy plants on the forest land. He next submits that the petitioners are villagers and they are having no criminal antecedents, as disclosed in paragraph 15 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 not belonging to the petitioner and that belongs to the Forest Department and the petitioners are having no criminal antecedents, as disclosed in paragraph 15 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 Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chatra in connection with Complaint Case No.395 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated: 19th June, 2026
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