

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (SJ) No. 681 of 2025

1. Barun Rai @ Barun Kumar Rai, aged about 59 years, Son of Late Kulo Ray;
2. Sri Rai, aged about 57 years, Son of Late Kulo Ray;
3. Lalo @ Lalan Rai @ Lalan Kumar Rai, aged 55 years, Son of Late Kulo Ray;
4. Arun Ray @ Arun Kumar Ray, aged about 48 years, Son of Late Kulo Ray;
Appellant no. 1 to Appellant no. 4 are resident of village Baghmara, Dhanepura, P.O. Taranakho, P.S. Dhanwar, District-Giridih.
5. Manoj Rai @ Todi Rai @ Manoj Kumar, aged about 46 years, Son of Late Sarju Ray;
6. Suresh Ray, aged about 55 years, Son of Late Sarju Ray;
Appellants no. 5 and Appellants no. 6 are resident of village-Chandraydih, P.O. Taranakho, P.S. Dhanwar, (O.P. Ghorthamba), District-Giridih.
7. Ranjit Kumar Ray, aged about 50 years, Son of Ramdeo Ray;
8. Pramjit @ Bablu Roy @ Paramjit Kumar, aged about 41 years, Son of Ramdeo Ray;
9. Nepal Ray, aged about 48 years, Son of Late Tapeswar Roy;
Appellants no. 7 to appellants no.9 are resident of village Nawadih, P.S. Dhanwar (O.P. Ghorthamb), District -Giridih.

..... **Appellant(s)**

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1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Munni Ram, son of Durga Dusadh, resident of village Nawadih, P.O. an P.S. Dhanwar, District Giridih.

..... **Respondent(s)**

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant(s)	: Mr. Rohan Mazumdar, Advocate
For the Respondent no.2	: Md. Imran Ansari, Advocate
For the State	: Mrs. Anuradha Sahay, A.P.P.

09/22.04.2026 The present appeal has been filed under Section 14-A(2) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

2. Heard learned counsel for the appellants and learned counsel for the respondent no.2.-informant as well as learned counsel for the State.

3. The present appeal is directed against the order dated 02.07.2025 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST (POA), Giridih in A.B.P. No. 934 of 2025 arising out of Dhanwar P.S. Case No. 280 of 2020 registered for the offence under Section 341,504,506,34 of the IPC and Section 3(f)(i)(c)(g)(r)(s)(z) of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 whereby and whereunder the prayer of the appellants for grant of anticipatory bail has been rejected. The case is presently pending before the court of learned Additional

Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge SC/ST(POA), Giridih.

4. It has been submitted by learned Counsel for the appellant although Section 18 of the SC/ST Act bars grant of anticipatory bail but F.I.R has been converted into final form and thereafter on protest petition cognizance has been taken. It is come in the police investigation that there is a land dispute between the parties.

5. On the other hand, learned counsel for the informant (respondent no.2) and the State have opposed the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail and submitted that the informant has been abused in a public place and therefore the offence under the SC/ST Act is made out.

6. Considering the fact that there is a land dispute between the parties, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the appellants.

7. Accordingly, the appellants, above named, are directed to surrender before the learned Trial Court within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt/production of copy of this order and in the event of their arrest or surrender, they shall be enlarged on bail, on their furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge SC/ST(POA), Giridih in connection with Dhanwar P.S. Case No. 280 of 2020 on the conditions as laid down under Section 482 of the B.N.S.S., 2023. Further, the appellants will submit self-attested photo copy of their Aadhaar Card and also submit their mobile number before the learned trial court which he will always keep active and will not change it during pendency of this case without prior permission of the Court.

8. In the result, the present appeal is allowed and accordingly disposed of.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

22.04.2026
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