

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (SJ) No. 724 of 2025

Ajay Kumar Singh, aged about 39 years, son of Ramadhin Singh, resident of village Sonpura, P.O. & P.S. Itkhori, Dist; Chatra **Appellant(s)**

Vrs.

1.The State of Jharkhand

2.Sukdev Turi, son of Mahadev Turi, working as Revenue Inspector cum Circle Inspector, Itkhori, P.O. & P.S. Itkhori, Dist: Chatra **Respondent(s)**

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant(s) : Mr. Binod Kr. Dubey, Advocate

For the Respondent no.2 : Mrs. Rajika Mahli, Amicus Curiae

For the State : Mr. V.S. Sahay, A.P.P.

08/05.05.2026 The present appeal has been filed under Section 14(A) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015.

2. Heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned *amicus curiae* representing respondent no.2.-informant(victim) as well as learned counsel for the State.

3. The present appeal is directed against the order dated 22.07.2025 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Chatra in A.B.P. No. 956 of 2025 arising out of Itkhori P.S. Case No. 113 of 2022 corresponding to SC/ST Case No. 42 of 2022, registered for the offence under Section 341,323,379,452,384,385,504 & 506/34 of the IPC and Sections 3(1)(r) and 3(1)(s) of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 whereby and whereunder the prayer of the appellant for grant of anticipatory bail has been rejected. The case is presently pending before the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Chatra.

4. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the appellant that there is a land dispute between the parties and some altercation has taken place. As per the police investigation, no abusive language regarding the caste of the informant- victim has been used. It is further submitted that even the alleged independent witnesses have only supported the factum of altercation between the parties.

5. On the other hand, learned *amicus curiae* representing informant (respondent no.2) and the State have opposed the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail and submitted that it is a case of house trespass and a person belonging to weaker section of the society has been assaulted.

6. Considering the nature of dispute and the statement of the independent witness, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the appellant.

7. Accordingly, the appellant, above named, is 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 his arrest or surrender, he shall be enlarged on bail, on his furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Chatra in connection with Itkhori P.S. Case No. 113 of 2022 corresponding to SC/ST Case No. 42 of 2022 on the conditions as laid down under Section 482 of the B.N.S.S., 2023. Further, the appellant will submit self-attested photo copy of his Aadhaar Card and also submit his 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.)

05.05.2026
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