

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

A.B.A. No. 5182 of 2026

1. Shrawan Saw @ Shrawan Kumar, aged about 39 years, son of Harihar Saw, resident of Village Dhubba, Parho, PO and PS Domchanch, District Koderma

2. Kaaru Singh, aged about 38 years, son of Gopi Singh, resident of Village Baratand, PO and PS Rajauli, District Nawada, Bihar

3. Gopal Kumar @ Gopal Sonar, aged about 43 years, son of Bhagirath Sonar, resident of Village Near Hanuman Mandir, Saphi Bajar, Parho, PO and PS Domchanch, District Koderma

.... Petitioners

-- Versus --

The State of Jharkhand

.... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners :- Mr. Manoj Kumar No.II, Advocate

For the State :- Mr. Shashi Kumar Verma, Advocate

2/17.09.2026 Heard learned counsels for petitioners and for State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Complaint Case No.742 of 2022, for offence registered under section 26(1)(g), 41, 42, 52 of Indian Forest Act, 1927 (Bihar Amendment Act, 1989) and Section 27, 29, 51 of Wild Life Protection Act, pending in court of learned Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Koderma.

3. Learned counsel for petitioners submits that the petitioners are agriculturist and only on suspicion the name of the petitioners has come in this case and the allegations are made of collecting scrap of mica from the forest area. He also submits that the

petitioner no.1 is having two criminal antecedents, however, petitioner nos.2 and 3 have got no criminal antecedents as disclosed in paragraph no.11 of the petition.

4. Learned State counsel opposes prayer and submits that name of the petitioners has come on suspicion.

5. Considering that the name of the petitioners has come only on suspicion and the petitioner nos.2 and 3 are having no criminal antecedent as aforesaid, however, the petitioner no.1 is having two criminal antecedents and the case of the petitioner no.1 stands similar to the petitioner nos.2 and 3, and as such, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to petitioners.

6. Accordingly, 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 Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Koderma, in connection with Complaint Case No.742 of 2022, subject to the conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

17.09.2026
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