

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 5443 of 2025

1. Jitendra Ganjhu, aged about 48 years, son of Rama Ganjhu, resident of village-Tegam, P.O. and P.S.-Kunda, District-Chatra
2. Fuleshwar Ganjhu @ Fuleshwar Mahto, aged about 42 years, son of Gahnu Ganjhu, resident of village-Tegam, P.O. and P.S.-Kunda, District-Chatra

..... ... Petitioners

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... ... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners

:Mr. Sushant Kumar Sinha, Advocate

For the State

: Mr. Manoj Kr. Mishra, A.P.P.

02/ 17.09.2025: Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Complaint Case No. 43/2021, registered under section 33(c) of Indian Forest Act, pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that false allegations are made of cultivation of poppy plant in the forest land. He submits that the petitioners have nothing to do with the poppy plant nor the land is of the petitioners. He submits that petitioners have no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 17 of the petition. On these grounds, he submits that the petitioners may kindly be provided privilege of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer and submits that allegations of cultivation of poppy plant is there.

5. Considering that petitioners have no criminal antecedent which is disclosed in para 17 of the petition and even the land is denied by the petitioners, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners. Accordingly, the above named, petitioners are directed to surrender before the learned court within three weeks from today and in the event of their

surrender / arrest, the petitioners shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 25,000/- (twenty five thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned S.D.J.M, Chatra, in connection with Complaint Case No. 43/2021, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S, 2023.

Dt.17.09.2025

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

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