

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J) No.873 of 2025

Anil Kumar Chandravanshi @ Anil Kumar, aged about 34 years, Son of Prasad Ram, resident of Village- Ward No.20 Tandwa, P.O. Garhwa, P.S. Garhwa, District Garhwa, Jharkhand, Pin 822114

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

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand

2. Chandan Paswan, aged about 35 years, Son of Late Rajbali Paswan, Resident of Village Tandwa, P.S. + P.O Garhwa, District Garhwa, Jharkhand, Pin 822114

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant

: Mr. Atul Rai, Adv.

For the State

: Mr. Rakesh Ranjan, A.P.P

For the Respondent No.2

: Mr. Arvind Prajapati, Adv.

08/Dated: 04th May, 2026

1. The present appeal has been filed under Section 14-A of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

2. Heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned counsel for the State and learned counsel for the respondent No.2/victim.

3. The present appeal has been filed against the order dated 04.01.2025 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge SC/ST Act, Garhwa in A.B.P No.1118 of 2024 in connection with Garhwa P.S. Case No.247 of 2024, for the offence under Sections 341 & 323 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and Section 130 of the Representation of People Act. The case is pending in the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST Act, Garhwa.

4. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant that the present appellant and the respondent No.2 were both polling agents. It is nothing but a political dispute which has been aggravated. On that basis, prayer for anticipatory bail has been made.

5. Learned counsel for the State and learned counsel for the respondent No.2 have opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail, submitting that the police has found the allegations true.

6. Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and from perusal of the records, it appears that it is nothing but a political dispute, and as such, I am inclined to grant the privilege of anticipatory bail to the appellant. Accordingly, the appellant, named above, is directed to surrender in the trial court within four weeks from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order, and in the event of his arrest or surrender, he shall be enlarged on anticipatory bail, on his furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (*Rs. Ten Thousand*) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge SC/ST Act, Garhwa in connection Garhwa P.S. Case No.247 of 2024, on the conditions as laid down under Section **482 of the B.N.S.S., 2023**. Further, the appellant will submit self-attested photocopy of his/her/their Aadhaar Card(s) and also submit his/her/their mobile number(s) before the learned trial court which he/she/they will always keep active and will not change it without prior permission of the court, till conclusion of the case.
7. In the result, the present criminal appeal stands allowed and accordingly, disposed of.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

Dated: 04th May, 2026

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