

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 6685 of 2025

1. Kedar Singh, Aged about-77 Years, Son of-
Raghuvar Singh, Resident of-Village-Dandai Khurd,
P.O. Jagarnath Dham, P.S. Mufassil, District-
Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.

2. Nand Kishore Singh, Aged about-53 Years, Son of-
Nageshwar Dayal Singh, Resident of-05/31
Anandpuri Colony, P.O. College More Hazaribag,
P.S. Mufassil, District-. Hazaribagh, Jharkhand.

..... ... Petitioners

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... ... Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners : Mr. Awnish Shankar, Advocate.

For the State : Mr. B. Shastri, A.P.P.

04/ 26.11.2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned A.P.P.

appearing for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with G.(F) Case No. 3457 of 2022, registered for the offences under Sections 33(1)(c)/ 63(C) of the Indian Forest Act, pending in the court of learned C.J.M., Hazaribag.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the present case and have not committed any offence as alleged. As per the allegation, the accused persons including the petitioners were found doing agriculture activity inside Dandai Khurd protected forest by removing demarcation pillar. In fact, the petitioners were not at all involved in the alleged offence and they have been implicated in this case merely on the basis of hearsay statements of local people. Except the said fact, there is no cogent material to connect the petitioners with the alleged offence. The

petitioners have no criminal antecedent with respect to forest offence. He next submits that in the similar circumstance, the other co-accused persons have already been provided the privilege of anticipatory bail in A.B.A. No. 5591 of 2024 by the co-ordinate bench. Hence, they may be given the privilege of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned A.P.P. appearing for the State has opposed the prayer and submits that the allegations are there.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and further in the similar circumstance, the other co-accused persons have already been provided the privilege of anticipatory bail in A.B.A. No. 5591 of 2024 by this court, I am inclined to provide privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners, named above, are hereby directed to surrender before the learned court within three weeks from today, and in the event of their surrender/arrest, the 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 the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned C.J.M., Hazaribag, in connection with G.(F) Case No. 3457 of 2022, subject to the conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated:-26.11.2025
Amitesh/-