

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
W.P.(Cr.) No. 1038 of 2024

1. Amit Kumar Sinha 2. Navin Kumar Sinha @ Naveen Kumar Sinha 3. Uday Shankar Khawade 4. Chaman Yadav @ Chaman Kumar		...	Petitioners
Versus			
1. The State of Jharkhand. 2. Subhash Chandra Jat		...	Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners	:	Mr. Shailesh Kumar Singh, Advocate.
For the State	:	Mr. Ashwini Bhushan, A.C. to Sr. S.C.-II

03/ 19.12.2024 Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the petitioner No. 1 is the Editor, petitioner No. 2 is the Publisher, petitioner No. 3 is the Local Resident Editor and petitioner No. 4 is the Local Correspondent of the Newspaper *Awaz*, which is published from the district Deoghar. He submits that the occurrence took place at PNB Branch at Deoghar alleging that some police men have entered into the said PNB Branch along with the Officer-in-Charge and they have caught hold of the guard of the said Bank and he was bitten up and further he was taken into custody, for that the said Punjab National Bank has lodged a case on 03.01.2023 i.e. on the date of occurrence itself. He further submits that the said news was published in the daily newspaper *Awaz* with the heading “*PNB GUARD KE SATH MARPIT MAMLE NE PAKDA TUL, PRASHASHAN PAKSHA VIPAKSHA ME BATA, DIG-DC KA AADESH MANNE KO TAIYAR NHI SP.*” He then submits that due to publication of the said news, the SP, Deoghar has filed the present complaint against the petitioners, who are the Editor, the Publisher, the Local Resident Editor and the Local Correspondent respectively of the Newspaper *Awaz*. He submits that the said news was not published with intention to malign any person.

2. Let notice be issued to the respondent No. 2 through registered cover with A/D as also by ordinary process, for which,

requisites etc. must be filed by 03.01.2025.

3. Let this matter appear on 20.02.2025.

4. No coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioners, in connection with Complaint Case No. 511 of 2023, pending in the court of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Deoghar, till the next date of listing.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

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