IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 3547 of 2026

1. Shankar Mahto, aged about 33 years, Son of Hazari Mahto, Resident of Hesatu (Bhandar), P.O.+P.S. Pratappur, District Chatra, Jharkhand.
2. Dhaneshwar Mahto aged about 61 years, son of Sona Mahto, Resident of Hesatu (Bhandar), P.O.+P.S. Pratappur, District Chatra, Jharkhand.

..... … Petitioners

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... … Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners : Mr. Shailesh Kumar Pandey, Advocate.
For the State : Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sinha, A.P.P.

03/ 01.07.2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned A.P.P for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Complaint Case No. 453 of 2017, registered for the offence under Sections 33 and 63 of Indian Forest Act, pending in the court of learned Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that false allegation is made against the petitioners of cultivation of poppy plant in the forest land. He next submits that the said land is not belonging to these petitioners. He further submits that the petitioners are having no criminal antecedent and disclosure to that effect has been made in para-13 of the petition.

4. Learned A.P.P. appearing for the State has opposed the prayer and submits that the allegations are there of cultivation of the poppy plant in the forest land.

5. Considering that the land is of forest department and the petitioners are having no criminal antecedent and disclosure to that

effect has been made in para-13 of the petition and in the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, above named.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners, named above, 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 Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Chatra, in connection with Complaint Case No. 453 of 2017, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated:-01.07.2026
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