2026:JHHC:21380

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

A.B.A. No. 3924 of 2026

1.Santosh Bhakat @ Santosh Kumar Bhakat, aged about 52 years, son of Bhikhma Bhakat, resident of Rajgram, PO Rajgaon, PS Murarai, District Birbhum, West Bengal

2.Bidyut Mandal, aged about 54 years, son of Sirajuddin, resident of Village Uttar Ramchandrapur, PO and PS Murarai, District Birbhum, West Bengal .... Petitioners

-- Versus --

The State of Jharkhand .... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners :- Md Asadul Haque, Advocate
For the State :- Mr. Sunil Kumar Dubey, Advocate
[Through Video Conferencing]

2/***20.07.2026*** Heard learned counsels for petitioners and for State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Pakur Malpahari O.P. PS Case No.19 of 2026, for offence registered under section 303(2), 317(2), 3(5) of BNS, 2023 and Section 30(ii) of Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act, pending in court of learned S.D.J.M., Pakur.

3. Learned counsel for petitioners submits that allegations are made that two-quintal coal was being carried by these petitioners on two different motorcycles. He further submits that the said coal was being carried by the petitioners for their own use and the petitioners have got no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph no.10 of the petition.

4. Learned State counsel appearing through Video Conferencing (V.C.) opposes the prayer and submits that illegally the coal was being carried on the motorcycle.

5. Considering that the petitioners have got no criminal antecedent as aforesaid and it has been pointed out that the said coal was being carried by the petitioners for their own use and two of the co-accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail in ABA No.2249 of 2026 and ABA No.2199 of 2026, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to both the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, both the petitioners, above named, are hereby directed to surrender before learned court within three weeks from today, and in event of their surrender/arrest, both 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 like amount each, to satisfaction of learned S.D.J.M., Pakur, in connection with Pakur Malpahari O.P. PS Case No.19 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

20.07.2026
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