IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 4088 of 2026
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1. Lalesh Ganjhu, aged about 48 years, son of Suraj Ganjhu
2. Narayan Ganjhu, aged about 51 years, son of Late Kamal Ganjhu
3. Biran Kumar, aged about 21 years, son of Late Bagul Ganjhu @ Arjun Ganjhu

All are residents of village – Kojram, Sikidag, PO and PS – Kunda, District – Chatra **.... Petitioners**

-- Versus --

The State of Jharkhand **.... Opposite Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners :- Mr. Anupam Anand, Advocate
:- Mr. Pranav Kumar, Advocate
For the State :- Mr. Prabir Kr. Chatterjee, Advocate

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*02/**27.07.2026*** Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioners as well as the learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Complaint Case No.342 of 2026 for the alleged offences registered under Section 33(1)(c) of Indian Forest Act pending in the Court of learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that false allegations are made against the petitioners of cultivation of poppy plant on the forest land. He further submits that the petitioners are innocent villagers and they have got no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph No.19 of the petition.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and submits that the allegations are there of cultivation of poppy plants on the forest land.

5. Considering that the land is of the forest department and that is not belonging to the petitioners and the petitioners are said to be villagers and they have got no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph No.19 of the petition, I am inclined to provide anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners, above named, are hereby directed to surrender before the learned Court within three weeks from today, and in the event of his 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 Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chatra in connection with Complaint Case No.342 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated 27.07.2026
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