IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 4774 of 2026

1. Pavitar Ganjhu, aged about 53 years, S/o Dhima Ganjhu, R/o Village- Balhi, P.O. & P.S. Kunda, District- Chatra
2. Rajendra Ganjhu, aged about 40 years, S/o Mundrika Ganjhu @ Munarik Ganjhu, R/o Village- Balhi, P.O. & P.S. Kunda, District- Chatra
3. Satendra Ganjhu, aged about 23 years, S/o Pavitar Ganjhu @ Pavitra Ganjhu, R/o Village- Balhi, P.O. & P.S. Kunda, District- Chatra

... Petitioners

-Versus-

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners : Mr. Rrishi Pallava, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Prabir Kumar Chatterjee, Spl.P.P.

04/21.08.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Complaint Case No.21/2025, arising out of Offence Report No.5659 dated 06.01.2025, registered for the offence under Section 33(1)(c) of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (Bihar Amendment Act, 1989-90), pending in the Court of the learned A.C.J.M., Chatra.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the allegations are made of cultivation of poppy plants on the forest land. He further submits that petitioner nos. 1 and 3 are having no criminal antecedent, however, petitioner no.2 is having two criminal antecedents, as disclosed in paragraph 8 of this application. He next submits that the petitioners are poor villagers and they are agriculturist. On these grounds, he submits that anticipatory bail may kindly be granted to the petitioners.

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

5. So far as petitioner no.2 is concerned, he is having two criminal antecedents and in the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am not inclined to extend the privilege of anticipatory bail to petitioner no.2, namely, Rajendra Ganjhu and, as such, his prayer for anticipatory bail is, hereby, rejected.

6. So far as petitioner nos. 1 and 3 are concerned, they are having no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph 8 of this application and they are poor villagers and they are agriculturist and in the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to extend the privilege of anticipatory bail to petitioner nos. 1 and 3, namely, Pavitar Ganjhu and Satendra Ganjhu respectively.

7. Accordingly, petitioner nos. 1 and 3, namely, Pavitar Ganjhu and Satendra Ganjhu are directed to surrender before the learned Court within three weeks from today and in the event of their arrest or surrender, they shall be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Twenty Five Thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned A.C.J.M., Chatra in connection with Complaint Case No.21/2025, arising out of Offence Report No.5659 dated 06.01.2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

8. Consequently, this application is partly allowed and disposed of.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated: 21st August, 2026
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