2026:JHHC:24564

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

A.B.A. No. 4627 of 2026

1.Khudani Devi, aged about 42 years, wife of Ishwar Mahto

2.Laxman Saw, aged about 61 years, son of Mahangu Saw

3.Jitan Mahto aged about 43 years, son of Laro Mahto

4.Liyakat Hussain aged about 71 years son of Alim Miyan

5.Sudhan Mahto, aged about 76 years, son of Churu Mahto

6.Lokan Saw aged about 66 years son of Somar Saw

7.Gopi Mahto, aged about 49 years, son of Jagdeo Mahto

8.Jagdeo Mahto, aged about 77 years, son of Baiju Mahto

9.Mohan Rajak, aged about 58 years son of Chhatu Rajak

10.Nirasho Devi @ Nirso Devi @ Nirasha Devi, aged about 41 years, wife of Rital Mahto

11.Kalawati Devi, aged about 47 years wife of Parmeshwar Mahto, All petitioner nos.1 to 11, are residents of Village Pagar, PO-Pandu, P.S. Keredari, District Hazaribag

12. Baleshwar Mahto, aged about 46 years, son of Dhuja Mahto, resident of Village Chatibari, PO and PS Keredari, District Hazaribag

13.Mahendra Thakur, aged about 44 years, son of Biraj Thakur

14.Chhotan Singh, aged about 42 years, son of Devdhari Singh, Both the petitioner nos.13 and 14 are resident of Village Chatti Bariyatu, PO Chatti Bariyatu, PS Tandwa, District Hazaribagh .... Petitioners

-- Versus --

The State of Jharkhand .... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners :- Mr. Avilash Kumar, Advocate
For the State :- Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Advocate

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*2/**14.08.2026*** Heard learned counsels for petitioners and for State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Keredari P.S. Case No.11 of 2026, for offence registered under section 190, 191(2), 126(2), 115(2), 127(2), 132, 308(3), 308(4), 351(2) of BNS, 2023 and Section 3 and 4 of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, pending in court of learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Hazaribagh.

3. Learned counsel for petitioners submits that the petitioners are the displaced persons and are land losers which have been acquired by the NTPC and they have not been paid compensation by the said company with regard to said acquisition of the land and as such they were protesting and only for that reason the petitioners have been falsely implicated in this case. He next submits that there are general and omnibus allegations against several persons. He next submits that although the petitioners are named in the FIR, however, they have been falsely implicated in this case.

4. Learned State counsel opposes prayer and submits that the allegations are there of altercation with the NTPC officials.

5. On perusal of the FIR, it transpires that allegations are made of entering into the premises of the said company as well as in the Pagar sub-station, however, there are general and omnibus allegations against all the accused persons and it has been pointed

out that the petitioners are the land losers and they were agitating for the same, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to petitioners.

6. Accordingly, petitioners, above named, are hereby directed to surrender before learned court within three weeks from today, and in event of their surrender/arrest, 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 Judicial Magistrate First Class, Hazaribagh, in connection with Keredari P.S. Case No.11 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

14.08.2026
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