**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**
**A.B.A. No. 4871 of 2026**

1. Pradeep Kumar Ganjhu @ Pradeep Ganjhu, aged about 23 years, son of Bhadi Ganjhu
2. Dashrath Ganjhu, aged about 33 years, son of Jagan Ganjhu
Both are residents of Village- Kotari, P.O. & P.S. Lawalong, District- Chatra **... Petitioners**

**-Versus-**

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

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**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI**

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For the Petitioners : Mr. Ashish Kumar Sinha, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Vishwanath Roy, Spl.P.P.

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02/28.08.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Lawalong P.S. Case No.5 of 2026 dated 07.02.2026, registered for the offence under Sections 18, 27(a), 28, 29, 30 of NDPS Act and Section 33 of Indian Forest Act, pending in the Court of the learned Sessions Judge, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the case. He further submits that the allegations are made of cultivation of poppy plants on the forest land. He next submits that the petitioners are villagers. He also submits that co-accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in A.B.A. No.2302 of 2026 and A.B.A. No.3208 of 2026. On these grounds, he submits that anticipatory bail may kindly be granted to the petitioners.

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 and in view of that, the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners may kindly be rejected.

5. Considering that the land is of the Forest Department and that is not belonging to the petitioners and further, co-accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in the aforesaid A.B.As. and in the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to extend the privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, the above-named petitioners 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 Sessions Judge, Chatra in connection with Lawalong P.S. Case No.5 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

**(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)**

*Dated: 28th August, 2026*
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