IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 4858 of 2026
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1. Ashok Ganjhu, aged about 42 years, son of Inder Ganjhu, resident of Kedimod, PO and PS – Bashishtnagar Jori, District – Chatra, Jharkhand

2. Kedar Ganjhu, aged about 31 years, son of Chaudhary Ganjhu, resident of Kedimod, PO and PS – Bashishtnagar Jori, District – Chatra, Jharkhand

3. Bijay Ganjhu, aged about 25 years, son of Ramkhelavan Ganjhu, resident of Kedimod, PO and PS – Bashishtnagar Jori, District – Chatra, Jharkhand

4. Kuldeep Ganjhu @ Kuldeep Kumar, aged about 28 years, son of Sukhlal Ganjhu, resident of Kedimod, PO and PS – Bashishtnagar Jori, District – Chatra, Jharkhand

5. Rajendra Ganjhu, aged about 34 years, son of Bandhan Gajhu, resident of Kedimod, PO and PS – Bashishtnagar Jori, District – Chatra, Jharkhand

6. Taleshwar Ganjhu @ Talkeshwar Ganjhu, aged about 42 years, son of Jethan Ganjhu, resident of Kedimod, PO and PS – Bashishtnagar Jori, District – Chatra, Jharkhand **.... Petitioners**

-- Versus --

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners :- Mr. Shailesh Kr. Pandey, Advocate

For the State :- Mr. Abhay Kr. Tiwari, Advocate

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*02/**27.08.2026*** 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.1455 of 2024 for the alleged offences registered under Section 33(1)(C) of Indian Forest Act pending in the Court of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chatra.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that falsely the petitioners have been implicated in this case alleging that the petitioners were indulged in cultivation of poppy plant on the forest land. He further submits that the petitioners are villagers and they have got no criminal antecedent as disclosed in paragraph No.14 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.14 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 their 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 Chief Judicial Magistrate, Chatra in connection with Complaint Case No.1455 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated 17.08.2026
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