IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J) No.1001 of 2025

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1. Ashok Kapardar, aged about 58 years, Son of Late Bhairav Lal Kapardar
2. Subham Kumar, aged about 26 years, Son of Ashok Kapardar

Both are resident of Village Kudam, Sukari, P.S. Ichak, District Hazaribag

…. …. Appellant(s)

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Madhuri Devi, wife of Hridaya Singh, Resident of Village Kudam, Sukari, P.O. & P.S. Ichak, District Hazaribag

…. …. Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellants : Mr. Mahesh Tiwari, Adv.
For the State : Mr. P.D. Agrawal, A.P.P
For the Respondent No.2 : Mr. S.K. Pandey, Adv.

07/Dated: 18th June, 2026

1. The present appeal has been filed under Section 14-A of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

2. Heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned counsel for the State and learned counsel for the respondent No.2/victim.

3. The present appeal has been filed against the order dated 02.08.2025 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-VI-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST Act, Hazaribag in A.B.P No.1257 of 2025 in connection with Ichak P.S. Case No.117 of 2022, for the offences under Sections 341, 323, 504, 506 & 379 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 3(1)(s) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. The case is presently pending in the Court of learned District & Additional Sessions Judge-VI-cum-Special Judge, SC and ST Act, Hazaribag.

4. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellants that there was a political dispute between the parties. Further, there is no material on record to suggest that the alleged victim belongs to a particular community. On these grounds, prayer for anticipatory bail has been made.

5. When a specific question has been asked by this Court as to whether the victim possesses any certificate suggesting the member of a particular

community, and as such, learned counsel is unable to produce any such certificate.

6. Considering the above facts, I am inclined to grant the anticipatory bail to the appellants. Accordingly, the appellants, named above, are directed to surrender in the trial court within four weeks from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order, and in the event of their arrest or surrender, they shall be enlarged on anticipatory bail, on their furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (*Rs. Ten Thousand*) each with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of the learned District & Additional Sessions Judge-VI-cum-Special Judge, SC and ST Act, Hazaribag in connection with Ichak P.S. Case No.117 of 2022, on the conditions as laid down under Section ***482 of the B.N.S.S., 2023***. Further, the appellant(s) will submit self-attested photocopy of his /her/their Aadhaar Card(s) and also submit his/her/their mobile number(s) before the learned trial court which he/she/they will always keep active and will not change it without prior permission of the court, till conclusion of the case.

7. In the result, the present criminal appeal stands allowed and accordingly, disposed of.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

Dated: 18th June, 2026
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