IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J) No.439 of 2026

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1. Tanulata @ Tanulata Paul @ Jaba Rani Paul, aged about 28 years, W/o Shasti Charan Paul
2. Parvati Paul @ Parbati Paul, aged about 60 years, W/o Hari Pada Paul
3. Anil Paul, aged about 68 years, S/o Late Nandlal paul

Appellant 1 to 3 all R/o Village Gandhania, P.O. Karaduba, P.S. Ghatshila, District East Singhbhum, Jharkhand

…. …. Appellant(s)

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Kanhai Lal Murmu, S/o Sakila Murmu, R/o Village Gandhania, P.O. Karaduba, P.S. Ghatshila, District East Singhbhum, Jharkhand

…. …. Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellants : Mr. Rakesh Kumar No.2, Adv.
: Mr. Soumitra Baroi, Adv.
For the State : Mr. Suraj Deo Munda, A.P.P
For the Respondent No.2 : Mr. Karbir, Adv.

04/Dated: 28th September, 2026

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

2. The present criminal appeal has been filed under Section 14 A of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, for grant of anticipatory bail though the same bars under Section 18 of the SC/ST (PoA) Act.

3. The present appeal has been filed against the order dated 23.03.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Ghatshila in A.B.P No.36 of 2026 whereby and whereunder the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the appellants have been rejected in connection with Ghatshila P.S. Case No.71 of 2025, registered for the offence under Sections 126(2), 115(2), 117(2), 351(2) & 3(5) of the BNS, 2023 and Sections 3(1)(X) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. The case is presently pending in the Court of learned Special Judge (SC/ST), Ghatshila.

4. After some arguments, learned counsel for the appellants seeks permission to withdraw the present criminal appeal with regard to the appellant namely, Anil Paul.

5. Permission is granted. Accordingly, the present criminal appeal is hereby, dismissed as withdrawn so far as the appellant namely, Anil Paul is concerned.

6. Learned counsel for the appellants is now pressing the present criminal appeal with regard to the appellant No.2 namely, Tanulata @ Tanulata Paul @ Jaba Rani Paul and the appellant No.3 namely, Parvati Paul @ Parbati Paul are concerned.

7. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellants that the matter has already been compromised between the parties. It has been further submitted that the allegation is against the male members only. The present appellants are females. On that basis, prayer for anticipatory bail has been made.

8. Learned counsel for the State and learned counsel for the respondent No.2 have not opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail.

9. Considering the fact that the allegation is against the male members only, I am inclined to grant the privilege of anticipatory bail to the appellant No.2 namely, Tanulata @ Tanulata Paul @ Jaba Rani Paul and the appellant No.3 namely, Parvati Paul @ Parbati Paul. Accordingly, the appellant No.2 & 3, 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 learned Special Judge (SC/ST), Ghatshila in connection with Ghatshila P.S. Case No.71 of 2025 on the conditions as laid down under Section ***482 of the B.N.S.S., 2023***. Further, the appellants 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.

10. In the result, the present criminal appeal stands disposed of.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

Dated: 28th September, 2026
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