IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J) No.608 of 2026

Dharamdeo Rana @ Bablu Rana, aged about 43 years, Son of Hardayal Rana, Resident of Village Sariya Road, Bagodar, P.O. & P.S. Bagodar, District Giridih **…. …. Appellant(s)**

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. The Superintendent of Police, ACB, P.O. + P.S. Dhanbad, District Dhanbad
3. Pramila Devi, aged about 52 years, W/o Hemlal Paswan, R/o Nawadih, P.O & P.S. Bagodar, District Giridih **…. …. Respondent(s)**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant : Mr. Lalan Kumar Singh, Adv.
For the State : Mr. Shailesh Kumar Sinha, A.P.P
For the Pvt. Respondent : Mr. Krishna Shankar, Adv.

08/Dated: 25th November, 2026

1. Heard the parties.

2. The present 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.

The present appeal has been filed against the order dated 07.04.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge--cum-Special Judge, SC/ST (PoA), Giridih in A.B.P No.301 of 2026 whereby the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail of the appellant has been rejected in connection with Bagodar P.S. Case No.248 of 2025, registered for the offence under Sections 126(2), 352, 308(3), 351(2), 353(2) & 3(5) of the **BNS, 2023** and Section 3(1)(s)(u) 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 Act, Giridih.

3. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant that the alleged victim is a Mukhiya and the present appellant is a Contractor. There is allegation and counter allegation between them regarding the commission. On the above basis, prayer for anticipatory bail has been made.

4. Learned counsel for the State and learned counsel for the respondent/victim have opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the appellant.

5. For compliance of the Court's order, a report has been submitted by the Superintendent of Police, ACB, Dhanbad and from perusal of the same, *prima facie*, it appears that the alleged offence under the SC/ST (PoA) Act has not been found true.

6. Considering the material available on record and the fact that it is a contractual dispute between the parties, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the appellant. Accordingly, the appellant, named above, is 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 his arrest or surrender, he shall be enlarged on anticipatory bail, on his furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (*Rs. Ten Thousand*) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge, SC/ST Act, Giridih in connection with Bagodar P.S. Case No.248 of 2025, 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: 25th November, 2026
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