IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J) No.627 of 2026

Dhananjay Kumar Singh @ Dhananjay Singh, aged about 40 years, Son of Sukhnandan Singh, Resident of Bakrihat Raj Ground Jharia, Post Office Jharia, Police Station Jharia, District Dhanbad

…. …. Appellant(s)

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Samir Rajwar, S/o not known to the appellant
3. Rajesh Ram, S/o not known both posted as Constable, at Jharia Police Station, P.O. & P.S. Jharia, District Dhanbad

…. …. Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant : Mr. Praveen Shankar , Adv.
For the State : Mr. Prabir Kumar Chatterjee, Spl. P.P
For the Respondent Nos.2 & 3 : Mr. Zeeshan Ahmad Khan, Adv.

05/Dated: 28th September, 2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned counsel for the State.

2. Pursuant to the order dated 17.08.2026, Mr. Suraj Kumar Yadav, the Investigating Officer, Mr. Bittu Kumar, the Informant (S.I, Jharia Police Station, Dhanbad), Mr. Sameer Rajwar and Mr. Rajesh Ram, Zeeshan Ahmad Khan, victims are physically present before this Court.

3. The present appeal has been filed under Section 14-A of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment 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 15.06.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST Act, Dhanbad in A.B.P No.966 of 2026, whereby and whereunder the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the appellant has been rejected in connection with Jharia P.S. Case No.91 of 2026, for the offence under Sections 126(2), 127(2), 115(2), 132, 121(1), 3(5) of the BNS, 2023 and Sections 3(1)(r)(s) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. The case is pending in the court of learned A.D.J-1st Class, Dhanbad.

4. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant that the victims are police personnel and it is nothing but the misuse of the colour of the uniform. On that basis, prayer for anticipatory bail has been made.

5. It has been pointed out by the learned counsel for the State that during supervision, even the Sr. Superintendent of Police, Dhanbad has suggested that the matter does not cover under the SC/ST (PoA) Act.

6. In that view of the matter, I am inclined to grant the privilege of 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 A.D.J-1st Class, Dhanbad in connection with Jharia P.S. Case No.91 of 2026, 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.

8. The personal appearance of the aforesaid government officials and the victims are hereby, dispensed with.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

Dated: 28th September, 2026
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