IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J) No.928 of 2026

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1. Nurjahan Khatoon, wife of Imteyaz Ansari, aged about 46 years
2. Sajrun Khatoon, D/o Kayum Ansari, W/o Babar @ Faijan Ray, aged about 25 years
3. Firoja Praveen @ Firoja Khatoon, wife of Taslim Ansari, aged about 30 years
4. Safina Khatoon, wife of Kayum Ansari, aged about 67 years.

All residents of Village Alipur, Bhargutu, P.O. Hatia, P.S. Dhurwa, District Ranchi **…. …. Appellant(s)**

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Makarius Tiru, S/o Late Peter Tiru, Resident of Village Alipur (Barguttu), P.O. Hatia, P.S. Dhurwa, Hardag, District Ranchi

…. …. Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellants : Ms. Kehkashan Afsheen, Adv.
For the State : Mr. Bishambhar Shastri, A.P.P

04/Dated: 18th November, 2026

I.A. No.11772 of 2026

1. The instant interlocutory application has been filed for condoning the delay of 80 days occurred in preferring the present criminal appeal.

2. Considering the reasons assigned in the present interlocutory application, the delay in preferring the present criminal appeal is, hereby, **condoned**.

3. Accordingly, I.A. No.11772 of 2026 is, hereby, allowed and disposed of.

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

2. In spite of information to the respondent No.2 regarding pendency of the present criminal appeal, nobody appears on behalf of the victim. Although, adjournment has already been granted.

3. Although Section 18 of the SC/ST (PoA) Act bars the grant of anticipatory bail, such bar would not apply in case where no *prima facie* offence under the Act is made out.

4. The present appeal has been filed against the order dated 28.01.2026 passed by the learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-II, Ranchi in A.B.P No.3477 of 2025 whereby and whereunder the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail of the appellants has been rejected in connection with SC/ST P.S. Case No.34 of 2025, for the offences under Sections 126(2), 115(2), 125, 329(3), 352, 351(3) & 3(5) of the B.N.S, 2023 and Section 3(1)(r) & 3(1)(s) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. The case is presently pending in the Court of learned A.J.C-II-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST, Ranchi.

5. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellants that the appellants are ladies. There is a land dispute between the parties and the land, in question, has been given to the family member through 'Bhoodan'. No injury has been reported. On that basis, prayer for anticipatory bail has been made.

6. Learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail but could not dispute the fact that there is a land dispute between the parties.

7. Since there is a land dispute between the parties and the appellants are females, I am inclined to grant 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 learned A.J.C-II-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST, Ranchi in connection with SC/ST P.S. Case No.34 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*.

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

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

Dated: 18th November, 2026
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