IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J) No.965 of 2026
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1. Rani Kumari, aged about 18 years, D/o Late Mahendra Yadav,
2. Kalawati Kunwar, aged about 50 years, D/o Late Mahendra Yadav,
3. Sangeeta Devi, aged about 26 years, D/o Mukesh Yadav,
   All R/o Vill. Madanpur, P.S. Chhattarpur, District- Palamau.

…. …. Appellants

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Sarita Devi, W/o Anuj Paswan, R/o village- Pahadi, P.O. & P.S. Chhattarpur, District- Palamau, Jharkhand.

…. …. Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellants : Mr. Sheo Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the State : Ms. Mohua Palit, A.P.P
For the Respondent No.2 : Ms. Anjana Kumari, Advocate
Mr. Kaushal Kishor Tiwari, Advocate
Ms. Pinky Tiwary, Advocate

02/Dated: 01.10.2026

1. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

2. The present criminal appeal has been filed under Section 14 A (2) 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 10.06.2026 passed in M.C.A. No. 932 of 2026 by the learned Special Judge, SC/ST (PoA) Act, Palamau in connection with SC/ST P.S. Case No.03 of 2026, registered for the offence under Sections 191(2), 191(3), 126(2), 115(2), 117(2), 303(2), 329(4), 352, 351(2), 351(3) read with Section 3(5) of the BNS, 2023 and under Section 3(1)(r)(s) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. The case is now pending in the court of learned Special Judge, SC/ST (PoA) Act, Palamau.

3. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellants that it is nothing but a neighbourhood dispute between the parties and the

allegation is against the male members. On the above basis, prayer for grant of anticipatory bail of the appellants has been made.

4. Learned counsel for the victim has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the appellants by referring to Section 18 of the SC/ST (PoA) Act.

5. Considering the nature of dispute and the fact that the appellants are female, 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 Special Judge, SC/ST (PoA) Act, Palamau in connection with SC/ST P.S. Case No.03 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 their Aadhaar Card(s) and also submit their mobile number(s) before the learned trial court which they will always keep active and will not change it without prior permission of the court, till conclusion of the case.

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

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

Dated: 01.10.2026
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