

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No.6510 of 2024

1. Baijnath Prasad Mehta @ Baijnath Mahto @ Bajo Mahto
2. Khirodhar Prasad Mahto @ Khirodhar Prasad Mehta
3. Nageshwar Mehta
All S/o Lakho Mahto, R/o village-Suji Jihu, P.O.-Jihu, P.S.-
Padma, District-Hazaribag.

..... Petitioners.

-Versus-

The State of Jharkhand Opp. Party.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioners : Mr. Atma Ram Chaudhary, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Pankaj Kumar, P.P.

Order No.02

Date: 29.10.2024

1. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with G(F) Case No.1899 of 2021 registered under Sections 33(i)(a)(C) of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Sections 27/29 of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the present case and have not committed any offence as alleged in the offence report. As per the allegation, the petitioners had developed a field after ploughing the forest land within Lotwa Protected Forest area. In fact, the petitioners were not at all involved in the said offence. They have been implicated in this case merely on hearsay statements of certain villagers. The petitioners have no criminal antecedent as has been stated in paragraph no.10 of the present anticipatory bail application. They, however, undertake to co-operate in the trial. Hence, they may be given the privilege of anticipatory bail.

3. Learned P.P. opposes the petitioners' prayer for grant of anticipatory bail.
4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the materials available on record, I am inclined to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail. Accordingly, the petitioners, above named, in the event of their arrest or surrender before the court below within three weeks from today, shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Hazaribag in connection with G(F) Case No.1899 of 2021 subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

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