

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (D.B.) No. 45 of 2026

Shivnath Munda ... Appellant
Versus
The State of Jharkhand ... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR RAI**

For the Appellant : Mr. Ranjan Kumar, Advocate
For the Respondent : Special P.P.

3/07.09.2026 I. A. No. 1005 of 2026:

Heard Mr. Ranjan Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Special P.P. for the State.

This interlocutory application has been preferred by the appellant for grant of bail to him during the pendency of this appeal.

The appellant has been convicted for the offence under Section 18(b) of the NDPS Act and has been sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 12 years along with a fine of Rs. 1,00,000/-.

It has been alleged that a raid was conducted near Manan Vidya School where some persons were found standing with three motor-cycles and the appellant was one of the persons among them. It has been alleged that on a search conducted on the persons of the appellant 10.10 kg. of Opium was recovered.

It appears that the prayer for bail of some of the co-convicts have been dismissed as withdrawn in Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 123 of 2026 and Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 126 of 2026. The evidence of the witnesses clearly depicts that commercial quantity of Opium was recovered from the possession of the appellant and seizure was made thereupon and hence we are not inclined to admit the appellant on bail and accordingly this application stands dismissed.

I. A. No. 1005 of 2026 stands rejected.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)