

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (SJ) No.111 of 2026

Manoj Singh @ Pathak	...	Appellant
Versus		
The State of Jharkhand & Anr.	...	Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Appellant : Mr. Kripa Shankar Nanda, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Shashi Kr. Verma, Addl. P.P.

Order No:-05 Dated:-25-03-2026

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Heard the parties.

The learned Addl. P.P. files the affidavit regarding the service of notice upon the opposite party no.2. Keep the same in the record.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

I.A. No.1429 of 2026

Heard the parties.

Perusal of the record reveals that this interlocutory application has been filed with the prayer to condone the delay in filing this appeal but since the appeal has already been admitted by the predecessor Judge in the Roster, vide order dated 20.02.2026, hence the limitation for condonation of delay in filing the appeal is deemed to have been condoned.

This Interlocutory Application is disposed of accordingly.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

I.A. No.3999 of 2026

Heard the parties.

Learned counsel for the appellant submits that this interlocutory application has been filed with the prayer to release the appellant on bail after suspending sentence during

the pendency of the appeal. It is next submitted that the appellant has been convicted and sentenced by the judgment of conviction dated 02.01.2025 and judgment of sentence dated 07.01.2025 respectively by the learned Special Judge, POCSO, Khunti in POCSO Case No. 16 of 2023 as under:-

Offence u/s	Sentence	Fine	Default
8 of the POCSO Act	R.I. for four years	Rs.20,000/-	S.I. for three months
354 of I.P.C.	R.I. for three years	Rs.10,000/-	S.I. for one month
452 of I.P.C.	R.I. for three years	Rs.10,000/-	S.I. for one month
323 of I.P.C.	R.I. for six months	NIL	NIL
341 of I.P.C.	S.I. for one month.	NIL	NIL

It is next submitted that during the trial, the appellant has all along been in jail from 18.09.2023. It is then submitted that the maximum sentence imposed upon the appellant is four years and the appellant has been in custody for a period of more than half of the sentence. It is next submitted that the appellant has very good ground to agitate in this appeal and there is no chance of this appeal being disposed of in near further.

It is next submitted that the appellant undertakes to co-operate with the hearing of this appeal. Hence, it is submitted that the appellant be released on bail.

Considering the aforesaid facts, it is ordered that the sentence imposed upon the appellant vide and judgment of sentence dated 07.01.2025 respectively by the learned Special Judge, POCSO, Khunti in POCSO Case No. 16 of 2023 shall remain suspended till disposal of this appeal upon the appellant furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/-(Rupees twenty five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge, POCSO, Khunti in POCSO Case No. 16 of 2023 with the condition that he will co-

operate with the hearing of this appeal.

Accordingly, this Interlocutory Application is allowed.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

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List this appeal under the heading 'Hearing' before the appropriate Bench.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

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