

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Criminal Appeal (DB) No. 48 of 2020

Ranjit Pradhan @ Koto ... Appellant

Versus

State of Jharkhand ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMBUJ NATH

For the Appellant : Mr. Aman Kumar, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Bhola Nath Ojha, A.P.P

Order No. 06

Dated 26th September, 2022

I.A. No. 492 of 2020

Heard the learned counsel for the respective parties.

This 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 offences u/s 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 4 of the Prevention of With (Daain) Practices Act and has been sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life along with a fine of Rs. 20,000/- for the offence u/s 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

It has been alleged that the accused persons had assaulted the wife of the informant with Lathi by calling her a witch and the same resulted in her death.

It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant that appellant has been implicated on account of previous enmity. Learned counsel further submits that so far as the P.W. 2 is concerned, she is not an eye witness to the occurrence.

Learned A.P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

The appellant has been specifically named of being involved in committing assault upon the wife of the informant. The postmortem report reveals that several fracture wounds were found on the person of the deceased.

Regard being had to the above, we are not inclined to grant bail to the appellant. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the appellant is hereby rejected.

I.A. No. 492 of 2020 stands rejected.

(RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY, J.)

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(AMBUJ NATH, J.)