

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J.) No.121 of 2026

Anshu Soni, aged about 25 years, S/O Niranjan Soni, Resident of Village-
Pandit Mohalla, P.O.- Barkagaon, P.S.- Barkagaon, District -Hazaribag.

.... **Appellant**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand

2. Sanjay Rajak, S/O- Late Sudhu Rajak, Resident of Village- Pandit
Mohalla, P.O. Barkagaon, P.S.- Barkagaon, Dist. Hazaribag.

.... **Respondents**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant

: Mr. Ashok Kr. Singh, Adv.

For the State

: Mr. Sanjay Kr. Srivastava, A.P.P.

For the Respondent No.2

: Mr. Bhola Nath Rajak, Adv.

04/Dated: 05th May, 2026

1. The present appeal has been filed under Section 14-A of the
Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

2. Heard learned counsel for the appellant, learned counsel for the State
and learned counsel for respondent No.2/victim.

3. The appeal has been filed for grant of regular bail which had been
rejected vide order dated 11.12.2025 by the learned Additional Sessions
Judge-VI-cum-Special Judge SC/ST Act Cases, Hazaribag in Misc. Criminal
Application No.1964 of 2025 in connection with Barkagaon P.S. Case
No.124 of 2025, registered for the offence under Sections 126(2), 115(2),
118(1), 109(1), 303(2) & 3(5) of the B.N.S., 2023 and under Sections 3(1)(r)
& 3(1)(s) of the SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989. The case is presently pending in
the court of the learned Additional Sessions Judge-VI-cum-Special Judge
SC/ST Act Cases, Hazaribag.

4. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant that
there was scuffle between the parties and there is case and counter case.
Further, appellant undertakes to participate in the trial. Investigation is

complete. He is in custody since 04.11.2025. On the above basis, the prayer for bail has been made.

5. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State and the respondent No.2 have opposed the prayer for bail.

6. Considering the period of custody and the nature of dispute, the appellant named above, is directed to be released on bail, on his furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Sessions Judge-VI-cum-Special Judge SC/ST Act Cases, Hazaribag in connection with Barkagaon P.S. Case No.124 of 2025, subject to the condition that the appellant will submit self-attested photocopy of his Aadhaar Card and also submit his mobile number before the learned court below which he will always keep active and will not change it during pendency of this case without prior permission of the court.

7. In the result, the instant appeal stands allowed and disposed of.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

Dated: 05th May, 2026
Amar/-
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