

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 120 of 2026

Haroon Khan	-Versus -	 Appellant
The State of Jharkhand		 Respondent

With
Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 91 of 2026

Bajruddin Ahmed	-Versus -	 Appellant
The State of Jharkhand		 Respondent

CORAM: - Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rongon Mukhopadhyay
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pradeep Kumar Srivastava

For the Appellants	: Mr. Rahul Pandey, Advocate (For Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 120 of 2026)
	: Mr. Sunil Kr. Upadhyay, Advocate (For Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 91 of 2026)
For the State	: Mr. Bhola Nath Ojha, Spl.P.P. (For Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 120 of 2026)
	: Mr. Shiv Shankar Kumar, A.P.P. (For Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 91 of 2026)

Order No. 04/Dated: 04th May, 2026

I.A. No. 4341 of 2026 in Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 120 of 2026

Heard Mr. Rahul Pandey, learned counsel for the appellant and learned Special.P.P.

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

3. The appellant has been convicted for the offences under Sections 17(c), 18(b), 22(c) & 29 of the N.D.P.S. Act and has been sentenced to undergo R.I. for 12 years alongwith the fine of Rs. 1,00,000/-.

4. It is alleged that a truck had destroyed the barrier. When the police team subsequently apprehended the truck, the appellant was found present in the truck. On a search conducted by police, 5 kgs. of opium was recovered from inside the truck.

5. Though, it has been submitted by learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant has completed almost 5 years in custody but regard being had to the fact that commercial quantity of opium was recovered from inside the truck and the presence of the appellant has also been noted, we are not inclined to admit the appellant on bail. The prayer for bail of the appellant is hereby rejected at this stage.

6. I.A. No. 4341 of 2026 stands rejected.

I.A. No. 894 of 2026 in Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 91 of 2026

Heard Mr. Sunil Kr. Upadhyay, learned counsel for the appellant and learned A.P.P.

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

8. The appellant has been convicted for the offences under Sections 17(c), 18(b), 22(c) & 29 of the N.D.P.S. Act and has been sentenced to undergo R.I. for 12 years alongwith the fine of Rs. 1,00,000/-.

9. It is alleged that a truck had destroyed the barrier. When the police team subsequently apprehended the truck, the appellant was found present in the truck. On a search conducted by police, 5 kgs. of opium was recovered from inside the truck.

10. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant was merely a passenger in the said truck on which he had boarded since he was standing alone in the night on the road. Learned counsel further submits that the appellant is in custody for four years and eight months.

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

12. Regarding being had to the fact that commercial quantity of opium was recovered from inside the truck and the presence of the appellant was also found in the truck, we are not inclined to admit the appellant on bail. The prayer for bail of the appellant is hereby rejected at this stage.

13. I.A. No. 894 of 2026 stands rejected.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

04th May 2026
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