

THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Criminal Appeal (DB) No. 251 of 2026
Rahul Lohra @ Rahul Kumar ... Appellant
Versus
The State of Jharkhand ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRADEEP KUMAR SRIVASTAVA

For the Appellant : Mr. Sahid Yunus, Advocate
For the State : A.P.P.

Order No. 04

Dated 07th May, 2026

I.A. No. 4620 of 2026

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 offence u/s 137(2), 87 and 64(1) of the BNS and Sections 4 and 6 of the POCSO Act and has been sentenced to undergo R.I. for twenty years along with a fine of Rs. 20,000/- for the offence u/s 6 of the POCSO Act.

It has been alleged that the daughter of the informant did not return home from the school and after frantic search it came to light that the appellant had enticed her away on the pretext of promise to marriage.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that victim who has been examined as PW-4 has categorically stated that she had left her house without informing her parents and had asked the appellant to pick her up after which they had come to Ranchi where they had solemnized marriage in a Temple. Learned counsel further submits that a room was taken on rent where both the appellant and the victim had stayed and from where both were recovered by the police. It has further been submitted while referring to the evidence of PW-4 that she has categorically stated that the appellant had never established physical relationship with her. Learned counsel adds that the appellant was all along on bail during trial.

Learned APP has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

Regard being had to the evidence of the victim who has been examined as PW-4 who had also refused to undergo medical examination, we are inclined to admit the appellant. Accordingly, during pendency of this appeal, the appellant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned trial court [Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge (POCSO), Lohardaga] in connection with Special POCSO Case No. 12 of 2025.

This I.A. stands allowed and disposed of.

(RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY, J.)

(PRADEEP KUMAR SRIVASTAVA, J.)

07.05.2026
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