

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cr. Appeal (D.B) No.649 of 2026

Anita Yadav @ Anita Devi @ Gunjair Devi aged about 45 years
W/O Late Sunil Yadav Resident of Village Dewaki, P.O. and
P.S. Ghaghra, District Gumla ... Appellant

Versus

State of Jharkhand ... Respondent

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR RAI

For the Appellant : Mr. P.P.N. Roy, Sr. Advocate

For the Respondent : Mr. Rajesh Kumar, A.P.P.

Order No.07/Dated: 22.07.2026

1. Heard Mr. P.P.N. Roy, learned Sr. Counsel for the appellant and learned A.P.P.
2. This appeal is directed against the order dated 15.01.2026 passed in A.B.P. No. 354 of 2025, arising out of AHTU Lohardaga P.S. Case No. 09 of 2016 by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Lohardaga, whereby and whereunder the prayer for anticipatory bail of the appellant has been rejected.
3. It has been alleged that four minor girls were apprehended by the police at Lohardaga Railway Station alongwith one Chote Lohara and the victims had disclosed that they were being sent to Tripura to work in a brick kiln by the present appellant.
4. Submission has been advanced by the learned Sr. Counsel for the appellant that the appellant has been implicated primarily on account of the confessional statement of the apprehended accused Chote Lohara. It

has been submitted that Chote Lohara has already been acquitted by the learned trial court.

5. Learned Sr. Counsel adds that appellant is a widow and vague allegations have been levelled against her of being involved in human trafficking of the four minor victims. Learned Sr. Counsel adds that the appellant does not have any criminal antecedent.

6. Learned A.P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant and on going through the case diary has stated that some of the witnesses have taken the name of the appellant as being also responsible alongwith Chote Lohara for sending the victims to Tripura to work in a brick kiln.

7. Regard being had to the fact that the Chote Lohara who was apprehended at the spot alongwith the minor victims having been acquitted by the learned trial court and the fact that the name of the appellant seems to have transpired on the confessional statement of Chote Lohara as well as on the statement of some of the victims which does appear to be vague, we while setting aside the order dated 15.01.2026 passed in A.B.P. No. 354 of 2025, arising out of AHTU Lohardaga P.S. Case No. 09 of 2016 by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Lohardaga, direct the appellant to surrender before the learned trial court within a period of four weeks and on her surrender, she shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Lohardaga in A.B.P. No. 354 of 2025, arising out of AHTU Lohardaga P.S. Case No. 09 of 2016, subject to the condition that the appellant shall remain

physically present before the learned trial court on each and every date till the conclusion of the trial unless prevented by sufficient cause.

8. This appeal is allowed.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)

22nd July, 2026
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