

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (D.B.) No. 212 of 2020

Surendra Mahto @ Pullu @ Surender Mahto @ Sulender Mahto

... 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. A. K. Sahani, Advocate
For the Respondent : P.P.

12/23.04.2026 I. A. No. 5370 of 2026:

Heard Mr. A. K. Sahani, learned counsel appearing for the appellant and the learned A.P.P. appearing for the State.

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

The prayer for bail of the appellant was earlier rejected twice in I. A. Nos. 2198 of 2020 and 9577 of 2024.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that he is in custody since 09.10.2017.

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

Considering the fact that that the P.W. 9 who is an eye-witness has specifically stated about the manner of assault, we are not inclined to admit the appellant on bail and accordingly his prayer for bail is once again rejected at this stage.

I. A. No. 5370 of 2026 stands rejected.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)