

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 239 of 2025

1. Birajo Devi.

2. Mohan Mahto.

3. Ramesh Mahto

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Appellants

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

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Respondent

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

For the Appellant no.1 & 3 : Mr. R.S. Majumdar, Sr. Adv.

For the State : Mrs. Vandana Bharti, A.P.P.

For the informant : Mr. Ramesh Kumar, Adv.

04/23.07.2025 Mrs. Vandana Bharti, learned A.P.P. has submitted at the Bar, a copy of the objection petition. Let the same be kept on record.

I.A Nos. 5768 of 2025 with 8738 of 2025.

Heard Mr. R.S. Majumdar, learned senior counsel for the appellant nos. 1 and 3 and Mrs. Vandana Bharti, learned A.P.P assisted by Mr. Ramesh Kumar, learned counsel appearing for the informant.

This application has been preferred on behalf of appellant nos. 1 and 3 for grant of bail to them during the pendency of this appeal.

The appellant nos. 1 and 3 have been convicted for the offence under Section 302/34 IPC and have been sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life along with a fine of Rs. 15,000/-.

It has been alleged that the sister of the informant was tortured for non-fulfilment of the demand of dowry and subsequently on 19.02.2018, she was smothered to death.

Submission has been advanced by the learned senior counsel for the appellant nos. 1 and 3 that appellant nos. 1 and 3 are the mother-in-law and father-in-law of the deceased. It has been submitted that both the appellants are in custody since 21.02.2018 and are aged more than 60 years. Learned senior counsel adds that the main allegation of demand of dowry and committing the murder of the deceased is alleged upon the appellant no. 2, who is the husband of the deceased.

Learned A.P.P. as well as learned counsel for the informant have opposed the prayer for bail of appellant nos. 1 and 3.

Regard being had to the period of custody undergone by the appellant nos. 1 and 3 as well as considering their old age, we are inclined to admit the appellant nos. 1 and 3 on bail. Accordingly, during pendency of this appeal, the appellant nos. 1 and 3 are directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-XV-cum-FTC (CAW), Ranchi in connection with S.T. No. 342/2018.

I.A. Nos. 5768 of 2025 and 8738 of 2025 stand disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

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