

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. A. (DB) No. 239 of 2025

1. Birajo Devi, aged about 60, wife of Ramesh Mahto, resident of Undahuli, P.O. & P.S. Ormanjhi, Dist.-Ranchi
2. Mohan Mahto, aged about 32, son of Ramesh Mahto, resident of Undahuli, P.O. & P.S. Ormanjhi, Dist. Ranchi
3. Ramesh Mahto, aged about 65, son of Late Bhuneshwar Mahto, resident of Undahuli, P.O. & P.S. Ormanjhi, Dist. Ranchi

... .. **Appellant**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

... .. **Respondent**

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

For the Appellants	: Mr. Rohan Mazumdar, Advocate
For the State	: Mrs. Vandana Bharti, APP
For the Informant	: Mr. Ramesh Kumar, Advocate

Order No. 05/ Dated: 11th September, 2025

I.A. No. 11734 of 2025

Heard Mr. Rohan Mazumdar, learned counsel for the appellant No. 2 and Mrs. Vandana Bharti, learned A.P.P. assisted by Mr. Ramesh Kumar, learned counsel appearing for the Informant.

2. This interlocutory application has been preferred for grant of bail to the appellant No.2.

3. Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant No.2 that he is in custody since 21.02.2018. It has further been submitted that the parents-in-law of the deceased being the appellant Nos. 1 and 3 in the present appeal have already been granted bail vide order dated 23.07.2025.

4. Mrs. Vandana Bharti, learned A.P.P. as well as learned counsel for the informant have opposed the prayer for the bail of the appellant No.2 and has submitted that the deceased has died on account of smothering and immediately preceding her death there was a demand of dowry from the side of appellant No.2.

5. It appears that the appellant No.2 is the husband of the deceased and so far as the bail granted to the appellant Nos. 1 and 3 are concerned, the same was on different consideration.

6. In view of the evidence of the witnesses and the specific role played by the appellant No.2, we are not inclined to admit the appellant No.2 on bail and the prayer for bail is hereby rejected, at this stage.

7. The aforesaid I.A. stands rejected.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

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