

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

1. Birajo Devi, aged about 60, w/o Ramesh Mahto, r/o Undahuli, PO & PS Ormanjhi, Dist. Ranchi
2. Mohan Mahto, aged about 32, s/o Ramesh Mahto, r/o Undahuli PO & PS Ormanjhi, Dist. Ranchi
3. Ramesh Mahto, aged about 65, s/o late Bhuneshwar Mahto, r/o Undahuli, PO & PS Ormanjhi, Dist. Ranchi

... .. **Appellants**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand .

..... **Respondent**

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

For the Appellants	: Mr. A.K. Sahani, Advocate
For the State	: Mrs. Vandana Bharti, Spl.PP
For the Informant	: Mr. Ramesh Kumar, Advocate

Order No. 06/ Dated: 05th May, 2026

I.A. No. 5138 of 2026

1. Heard Mr. A.K. Sahani, learned counsel for the appellants, Learned A.P.P assisted by Mr. Ramesh Kumar, learned counsel appearing for the informant.
2. This application has been preferred by the appellant No. 2 for grant of bail to him, during the pendency of this appeal.
3. The prayer for bail of the appellant No. 2 was earlier rejected in I.A No.11734 of 2025.
4. It has been submitted that the appellant no.2 is in custody since 21.02.2018. It has further been submitted that parents in law of the deceased have been granted bail by this Court.
5. Learned A.P.P. as well as learned counsel for the informant has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant No. 2.
6. It appears that the appellant no.2 is the husband of the deceased and cause of death as per the post-mortem report has been opined to

asphyxia due to smothering. Moreover, immediately preceding the death, there was a demand of dowry from the side of the appellant no.2.

7. Regard being had to the aforesaid, we are not inclined to reconsider the prayer for bail of the appellant No. 2, which stands rejected at this stage.

8. The aforesaid I.A. stands rejected.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

05.05.2026

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