

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cr. A (D.B.) No. 588 of 2025

Markush Lakra, aged about 30 years, son of Late Marinus Lakra, resident of
Dumhitola , P.O. & P.S.-Namkom, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand

... .. 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. Akchansh Kishore, Advocate
For the Respondent : Mr. V.K. Vashistha, Spl.P.P.

05/Dated: 09th October, 2025

I.A. No.5600 of 2025

1. Heard Mr. Akchansh Kishore, learned counsel for the appellant and learned Spl.P.P. for the State.
2. This application has been preferred by the appellant for grant of bail to him during pendency of this appeal.
3. The appellant has been convicted for the offences under sections 302, 376(2)(i) of IPC and Sections 4/6 of POCSO Act and has been sentenced to imprisonment for life, which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder period of his natural life along with a fine of Rs.20,000/- for the offence under section 376(2)(i) of IPC.
4. It has been alleged that the minor daughter of the informant, who was playing in front of her house, was taken by the appellant on pretext of giving her chocolate and thereafter, she was subjected to rape. When the villagers had assembled on hearing the weeping of the victim, the appellant tried to flee away, but he was apprehended and on a search, the dead body of the daughter of the informant was recovered from the house of the appellant.
5. Submission has been advanced by learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant is in custody since 02.06.2016.

6. Admittedly, the victim was recovered from inside the house of the appellant and the medical report indicates that she was subjected to brutal rape and murder. The appellant was apprehended by the villagers while he was fleeing away from his house and on a search conducted subsequently, the dead body of the victim was recovered.
7. Regard being had to the evidence of the witnesses, which clearly reveals about the role played by the appellant in committing rape and murder of the daughter of the informant, we are not inclined to admit the appellant on bail. The prayer for bail of the appellant is, hereby, rejected.
8. I.A. No.5600 of 2025 stands rejected.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

Dated:-09/10/2025

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