

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cr. Appeal (D.B.) No. 437 of 2026

Navan Kishore Singh Munda @ Nav Kishore Singh

Munda @ Nabo Appellant

Versus

State of Jharkhand Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rongon Mukhopadhyay

Hon'ble Mr. justice Arun Kumar Rai

For the Appellant: Mr. Suraj Kishore Prasad, Advocate

For the Resp.-State: Spl.P.P.

I.A.No. 3491/2026

04/ 06.07.2026 Heard Mr. Suraj Kishore Prasad, learned Counsel for the appellant and learned Spl.P.P.

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

3. The appellant has been convicted for the offences under Section 376(2) (n), 376 (3), 323, 341 and 506 IPC and Section 4(2) & 6 of the POCSO Act and has been sentenced to undergo R.I. for 20 years along with a fine of Rs.25,000/- for the offence under Section 4(2) of the POCSO Act.

4. It has been alleged that the victim was abducted from her house by the appellant and she was subjected to rape.

5. It has further been alleged that the appellant used to regularly establish physical relationship with the victim on the pretext of marriage.

6. Submission has been advanced by the learned Counsel for the appellant that there was a love affair between the appellant and the victim.

7. It has been submitted that the medical report does not ascertain the fact that the victim was subjected to rape and even the FSL report is inconclusive.

8. Learned Counsel adds that the appellant is in custody since long.

9. Learned Spl. P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

10. It seems from the evidence of P.W.5 who is the victim and the informant that it was the appellant who had subjected her to rape repeatedly. The medical report indicates that the age of the victim was assessed to be 14-15 years.

11. Regard being had to the aforesaid, we are not inclined to admit the appellant on bail. His prayer for bail is hereby rejected.

12. I.A.No. 3491 of 2026 stands rejected.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)

6th July, 2026
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