

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cr. Appeal (D.B) No.433 of 2026

Dewali Ganjhu ... Appellant

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ... Respondent

**Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR RAI**

For the Appellant : Mr. Jagdeesh, Advocate

For the Respondent : A.P.P.

Order No.04/Dated: 06.08.2026

I.A. No.9149 of 2026

1. Heard Mr. Jagdeesh, learned counsel for the appellant and learned A.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 offence under Section 18/15 of the NDPS Act and has been sentenced to undergo R.I. for 16 years alongwith a fine of Rs. 1,50,000/-.
4. It has been alleged that 4 kg of opium was recovered from the house of the appellant.
5. Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that several of the co-convicts have been granted bail by this Court in Cr. Appeal (D.B.) No. 501 of 2026, Cr. Appeal (D.B.) No. 112 of 2023 and Cr. Appeal (D.B.) No. 95 of 2023.
6. It has been submitted that appellant is in custody since 20.10.2021.

7. Learned A.P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

8. Regard being had to the fact that in the similar circumstances some of the co-convicts have been granted bail as noted above and the period of incarceration undergone by the appellant, we are inclined to admit the appellant on bail. Accordingly, during the pendency of this appeal, the appellant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, NDPS Cases, Chatra in NDPS Case No.172 of 2022 arising out of Chatra Sadar P.S. Case No. 59 of 2019.

9. I.A. No.9149 of 2026 stands disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)

06th August, 2026
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