

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cr. Appeal (D.B.) No. 463 of 2026

Shankar Murmu 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. Randhir Kumar, Advocate

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

I.A. No. 8834/2026

04/ 22.07.2026 Heard Mr. Randhir Kumar, 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 376(1) IPC and has been sentenced to R.I. for 10 years along with a fine of Rs. 5,000/-.

4. It has been alleged that the appellant, on the pretext of marriage, had established physical relationship with the informant and later on, he had refused to solemnize marriage.

5. Submission has been advanced by the learned Counsel for the appellant that the evidence of the victim who has been examined as P.W.-2 clearly reveals that there was a

long-standing love affair between the appellant and the victim.

6. It has been submitted that in fact, prior to the lodgment of the case, the father of the appellant had lodged the case against the informant and her mother on account of abducting the appellant.

7. Learned Counsel submits that admittedly the victim was a major and considering the fact that there was a love affair between the victim and the appellant, the appellant deserves to be released on bail.

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

9. On consideration of the evidence of the victim who has been examined as P.W.-2 and the background facts of the case which reveal about a criminal case instituted by the father of the appellant levelling charges of abduction against the informant and her mother for which both had gone to jail, 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 bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount

each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Sessions Judge-II, F.T.C. (C.A.W.), Bermo at Tenughat, (Bokaro) in connection with S.T. Case No. 105 of 2016, arising out of Petarbar P.S. Case No. 143 of 2015.

10. I.A. No.8834/2026 stands disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)

22nd July, 2026
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