

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 501 of 2026

Tapeshwar 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. P.K. Sahay, Advocate

For the Res.-State : Mr. Bhola Nath Ojha, Spl.P.P.

04/29.07.2026 I.A. No. 5376 of 2026

Heard Mr. P.K. Sahay, learned counsel for the appellant and learned Spl.P.P. for the State.

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

The appellant has been convicted for the offence under Sections 18/15 of the NDPS Act and has been sentenced to undergo R.I. for 15 years along with a fine of Rs. 1,50,000/-.

It has been alleged that 3.5 kg of wet opium and 5 kg of poppy straw were recovered from the house of the appellant.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that some of the co-accused have been granted bail by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 112 of 2023 and Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 95 of 2023 respectively. It has been submitted that the appellant is in custody since 20.10.2021.

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

Regard being had to the period of custody undergone by the appellant and the fact that some of the co-accused have been granted bail, as stated above, 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 a bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of the learned Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, NDPS Cases, Chatra, in connection with NDPS Case No. 172 of 2022 arising out of Chatra Sadar P.S. Case No. 59 of 2019.

I.A. No. 5376 of 2026 stands allowed and disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)

29.07.2026
Umesh-Abhishek/-