

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 486 of 2026

Praveen Kumar @ Pravin Kumar..... Appellant (s)
Versus
The State of Jharkhand Respondent

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

For the Appellant(s) : Mr. Indrajit Sinha, Advocate
Ms. Utkarshini Rai, Advocate
For the State : Mr. S. S. Kumar, A.P.P

Order No. 03/ Dated 14.07.2026
I.A. No.4172 of 2026

Heard Mr. Indrajit Sinha, learned counsel for the appellant, assisted by Ms. Utkarshini Rai and learned A.P.P for the State.

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

The appellant has been convicted for the offences under Sections 65(2), 74, 64, 62, 75(1)(2) & 3(5) of the B.N.S, 2023 and Sections 4 & 8 of the POCSO Act and has been sentenced to undergo R.I. for twenty years under Section 4(2) of the POCSO Act along-with a fine of Rs. 30,000/-.

It has been alleged that the accused persons had committed rape upon the victims.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that the procedure for determination of the age of the victims was not undertaken by the learned Trial Court. It has further been stated that there has been a delay of 19 days in instituting the First Information Report. Learned counsel has also submitted that P.W.3 is the victim, who was said to have been subjected to rape by the appellant and her evidence suffers from various contradictions.

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

Regard being had to the evidence of P.W.3 who has categorically stated about the appellant of committing rape upon her, we are not inclined to grant bail to the appellant. Accordingly, his prayer for bail is hereby rejected.

The aforesaid I.A. stands rejected.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)

Dated 14/07/2026
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