

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 3330 of 2026

Pradeep Kerketta aged about 30 years S/o Late Vimal Kerketta,
resident of village Konsa Chuwatoli, P.O. Larta, P.S. Kamdara,
District Gumla. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opp. Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner: :Mr. Anil Kumar Ganjhu, Advocate
For the State :Mr. V.S. Sahay, Addl.P.P.

03/Dated: 01.05.2026

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has been made accused in connection with
Khunti P.S. Case No. 79 of 2024 (G.R. Case No. 313 of 2025)
instituted for the offences punishable under Section 384 of IPC and
Section 17 of C.L.A. Act.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that
this is the second journey of the petitioner with the prayer for
regular bail. It is next submitted that the petitioner is involved in
this case for the offences punishable under Section 384 of IPC and
section 17 of C.L.A. for which the maximum punishment is three
years. It is next submitted that the petitioner is in custody for more
than 1 year as he has been in custody since 23.04.2025 and he is a
first time offender and has never been convicted for any offence in
the past. Rather he has been acquitted in two of the cases in which
he was involved beside this case vide judgment dated 28.01.2026 in
G.R. Case No. 671 of 2017 by the Additional Chief Judicial
Magistrate Gumla and also in an another case. It is next submitted
by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is ready and
willing to co-operate with the trial of the case and undertakes not to
annoy or disturb the informant or the other witnesses of the case in
any manner during trial of the case, hence, the petitioner may be
admitted to regular bail.

Learned Addl. P.P. opposed the prayer for regular bail.

Considering submissions of learned counsels and the facts as stated above, I am inclined to release the petitioner on bail. Hence, the court below is directed to release the petitioner on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Khunti in connection with Khunti P.S. Case No. 79 of 2024 (G.R. Case No. 313 of 2025) with the condition that the petitioner will co-operate with the trial of the case and will furnish mobile phone number and photocopy of the Aadhar Card in the court below with an undertaking that he will not change the mobile phone number during the trial of the case and he undertakes not to annoy or disturb the informant or the other witnesses of the case in any manner, during the pendency of the case.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

Dated: 01.05.2026
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