

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cr. Appeal (D.B) No.459 of 2026

1. Motu Bage @ Mutu Bage
2. Budhiya Purty ... Appellants
Versus
The State of Jharkhand ... Respondent

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

For the Appellants : Mr. Naveen Kr. Jaiswal, Advocate
For the Respondent : Mr. Nehala Sharmin, Spl. P.P.

Order No.04/Dated: 29.07.2026

I.A. No.4659 of 2026

1. Heard Mr. Naveen Kr. Jaiswal, learned counsel for the appellant and learned Spl. P.P.
2. This application has been preferred by the appellants for grant of bail to them during the pendency of this appeal.
3. The appellants have been convicted for the offence under Sections 302/34 IPC and have been sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life alongwith a fine of Rs. 15,000/- each.
4. It has been alleged that the husband of the informant was cutting an *imli* tree which led to a dispute between her husband and the appellant no. 2 who happens to be the brother-in-law of the informant.
5. The matter was however sorted out but subsequently in the evening, the husband of the informant was surrounded by the accused persons and the appellant no. 2 had inflicted trident blow on his stomach which ultimately led to his death.
6. Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellants that the appellant no.2 is the

own brother of the deceased while the appellant no. 1 is the brother-in-law of the appellant no. 2.

7. It has been submitted that admittedly as per the evidence of the witnesses dispute had arisen on account of the division with respect to the *imli* tree and in fact a single blow was given on the person of the deceased by the appellant no.2.

8. It has been submitted that the appellants are in custody since June, 2022.

9. Learned Spl. P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellants.

10. Regard being had to the fact that the incident had taken place at the spur of the moment on account of a dispute arising due to the cutting of the *imli* tree by the husband of the informant and a single blow was effected on the husband of the informant, we are inclined to admit the appellants on bail. Accordingly, during the pendency of this appeal, the appellants are directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) each with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Sessions Judge, West Singhbhum at Chaibasa in connection with Sessions Trial No. 309 of 2022 arising out of Manjhari P.S. Case No. 38 of 2022.

11. I.A. No.4659 of 2026 stands disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)

29th July, 2026
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