

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cr. Appeal (D.B.) No. 480 of 2026

Sohan Kumar Mahto Appellant

Versus

Union of India through NCB, Ranchi Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rongon Mukhopadhyay

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arun Kumar Rai

For the Appellant: Mr. Birendra Kumar, Advocate

For the U.O.I: Mr. Prashant Pallav, ASGI

I.A.No. 5627/2026

04/ 17.06.2026 Heard Mr. Birendra Kumar, learned Counsel for the appellant and learned ASGI

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 offences under Section 18(b)/25/29 of NDPS Act and has been sentenced to R.I. for ten years along with a fine of Rs.1,00,000/-

4. It has been alleged that one Mahindra Pick-up van was intercepted by the NCB officials and the petitioner was apprehended. On search of the vehicle, 5 k.g. of opium was recovered.

5. Submission has been advanced by the learned Counsel for the appellant that the appellant is in custody since

13.09.2020 and has completed more than half of the sentence imposed upon him.

6. Learned ASGI has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

7. Regard being had to the period of custody undergone by the appellant, 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 Judicial Commissioner-XIII-cum-Special Judge-III (other hand AHD), Ranchi in connection with N.D.P.S. Case No. 31 of 2020.

8. I.A.No. 5627 of 2026 stands disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)

17th June, 2026
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