

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (D.B.) No. 505 of 2026

Azazul Ansari @ Azazul Ali Appellant

Versus

The State of Jharkhand	...	...	Respondent
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**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR RAI**

For the Appellant : Mr. Avishek Prasad, Advocate
For the Respondent : A.P.P.

3/07.07.2026 I. A. No. 5081 of 2026:

Heard Mr. Avishek Prasad, learned counsel appearing for the appellant and the learned A.P.P. appearing 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 Section 376 of I.P.C. and has been sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 10 years along with a fine of Rs. 20,000/-.

It has been alleged that when the informant had gone to attend the call of nature on 14.03.2017, the appellant who was hiding nearby had caught hold of her hand and committed rape upon her. It has also been alleged that the video of the said incident had been prepared by the appellant and on the threat of making it viral, he continued to establish physical relationship with the informant which resulted in her becoming pregnant which however got terminated subsequently. When the informant had insisted for marriage, the appellant has refused which resulted in institution of the case.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that the informant was a major and she had consented to the sexual overtures of the appellant. It has further been submitted that the relationship between the appellant and the informant had continued for 4 years. He has also referred to the evidence of the informant who has been examined as P.W. 8.

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

Regard being had to the evidence of the P.W. 8 from which it categorically reveals that she was a consenting party to the sexual overtures of the appellant and there was a long standing relationship between the appellant and the informant and only on account of refusal for marriage by the appellant, the F.I.R. had been instituted, we are inclined to admit the appellant on bail.

Accordingly, during the pendency of this appeal, the appellant above named is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Judicial Commissioner, XV cum FTC (CAW), Ranchi in connection with S. T. No. 338 of 2021 arising out of Burmu P. S. Case No. 36 of 2021.

I. A. No. 5081 of 2026 stands disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)