

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. A. (DB) No. 388 of 2019

Saddam Khan, aged about 25 years, S/o Tahir Khan, R/o Vill.-Balu,
Bazartanr, P.O. & P.S. – Balumath, Dist. Latehar

... .. **Appellant**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... **Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRADEEP KUMAR SRIVASTAVA

For the Appellant : Mr. Soumitra Baroi, Advocate
For the State : None

Order No. 08/ Dated: 20th February, 2026

I.A. No. 2540 of 2026

Heard Mr. Soumitra Baroi, learned counsel for the appellant.

None appears on behalf of the State.

2. The prayer for bail of the appellant was earlier rejected in I.A. No. 2374 of 2022 and I.A. No. 4232 of 2023. Subsequent thereto, the appellant had once again moved for grant of bail in I.A. No. 1817 of 2024, which was dismissed as not pressed vide order dated 30.07.2024.

3. Submission has been advanced by learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant has completed more than 10 years in custody.

4. It appears that the victim was subjected to gang-rape and the appellant was one of the main accused who had committed rape upon the victim which is corroborated by the F.S.L. Report.

5. On such consideration, we are not inclined to admit the appellant on bail and the prayer for bail of the appellant is hereby rejected.

6. The aforesaid I.A. stands rejected and disposed of.

7. However, considering the period of custody undergone by the appellant, we feel that matter be finally heard.

8. Accordingly, let this case be listed under the heading “For Hearing” on 23rd April, 2026.

9. Office, in the meantime, is directed to prepare the paper book.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

20.02.2026

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