

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**  
**Criminal Appeal (D.B.) No. 401 of 2022**

Md. Iqbal Ansari ... .. **Appellant**

**Versus**

The State of Jharkhand ... .. **Respondent**

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**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRADEEP KUMAR SRIVASTAVA**  
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For the Appellant : Mr. Ajeet Kr. Singh, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Vineet Kr. Vashistha, Spl. P.P.

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**I.A. (Cr.) No. 1389 of 2026**

05/24.02.2026 Mr. Ajeet Kr. Singh, learned counsel for the  
appellant seeks permission to withdraw this application.

Permission is accorded.

This application is dismissed as withdrawn.

However, considering the fact that the appellant is  
in custody since 14.02.2016 and has completed more than  
half of the sentence imposed upon him, we are inclined to  
hear this appeal on merit.

Accordingly, let this case be listed under the  
heading for "Final Hearing" on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

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

**(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)**

**(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)**

Dated, the 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

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