

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. App. (DB) No. 984 of 2025

Bhagat Murmu @ Bhagwat Murmu, aged about 26 years, S/o Patwari
Murmu, R/o-Village-Amuwar, P.O. & P.S.-Poraiyahat, Dist.-Godda,
Jharkhand-814153
... .. **Appellant**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand **Respondent**

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

For the Appellants : Mr. Atul Rai, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Rajneesh Vardhan, A.P.P.

Order No. 04/ Dated: 04th May, 2026

I.A. No. 4427 of 2026

1. Heard Mr. Atul Rai, learned counsel for the appellant and Learned A.P.P.
2. No objection has been filed to this interlocutory application, despite the order dated 10th April, 2026.
3. This application has been preferred by the appellant for grant of bail to him, during the pendency of this appeal.
4. The appellant has been convicted for the offence under Section 376(2)(n) of the IPC and Section 6 of the POCSO Act and has been sentenced to undergo R.I. for 20 years along with a fine of Rs. 20,000/- for the offence under Section 6 of the POCSO Act.
5. It has been alleged that the appellant who is a married person by alluring the victim had on several occasions established physical relationship with her. He had also posted obscene photographs on social media.
6. Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that the medical report does not support the factum of the rape. It has further been submitted that the evidence of the victim who has

been examined as P.W.-1 suffers from various inconsistencies.

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

8. Regard being had to the evidence of P.W.-1 who has categorically stated about the appellant alluring her and establishing physical relationship with her on several occasions despite being a married person and the age of the victim having been found to be 17 years as per the medical report, we are not inclined to admit the appellant on bail and his prayer for bail is hereby rejected.

9. The aforesaid I.A. stands rejected.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

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