

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J.) No.286 of 2024

Kunal Kumar

.... **Appellant**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

.... **Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant

: Mr. Abhishek Singh, Adv.

For the State

: Mr. Pankaj Kr. Mishra, A.P.P.

For the victim

: Mr. Dilip Kr. Karmakar, Adv.

16/Dated: 08th June, 2026

I.A. No.5635 of 2025

1. The present interlocutory application has been filed on behalf of the appellant for suspension of sentence and grant of ad-interim bail during the pendency of this appeal.

2. Heard learned counsel for the appellant, learned counsel for the State and learned counsel for the victim.

3. His earlier prayer for suspension of sentence was rejected vide order dated 14.08.2024 passed in I.A. No.7511 of 2024.

4. The appellant has been convicted for the offence under Sections 498(A) and 304(B) of the Indian Penal Code and has been maximum sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for seven years for offence punishable under Section 304(B) of the IPC, by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-V-cum-FTC (CAW), Jamshedpur in Sessions Trial No.229 of 2018.

5. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant has remained in custody for about three years and six months out of maximum awarded sentence of seven years. On the above basis, the prayer for bail has been made.

6. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail.

7. Considering the fact that the appellant has already undergone half of the sentence awarded to him and that there is no likelihood of the appeal being taken up for hearing in the near future, I am inclined to suspend the sentence and enlarge the appellant on bail during the pendency of this appeal. Accordingly, the appellant named above, is directed to be released on bail, on his furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of like amount each to the

satisfaction of the learned Additional Sessions Judge-V-cum-FTC (CAW), Jamshedpur in Sessions Trial No.229 of 2018 arising out of Kadma P.S. Case No.218 of 2017 corresponding to G.R. Case No.3305 of 2017, subject to the condition that he will appear before this when the appeal is taken up for hearing, failing which his bail shall be cancelled.

8. In the result, the present interlocutory application stands allowed and disposed of.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

Dated: 08th June, 2026

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