

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 832 of 2023

1. Hulsı Devi		...	Appellants
2. Reeta Devi			
	Versus		
The State of Jharkhand		...	Respondent

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

For the Appellant No.2 : Ms. Pinki Kumari, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Saket Kumar, APP

06/27.01.2026

I.A. No. 411 of 2026

Heard Ms. Pinki Kumari, the learned counsel for the appellant no.2 and the learned A.P.P.

This application has been preferred by the appellant no.2 for grant of bail to her during pendency of this appeal.

The appellant no.2 has been convicted for the offences punishable under sections 304-B/34 and 498-A/34 of the Indian Penal Code along with section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act and has been sentenced to undergo RI for 10 years for the offence under sections 304-B/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant no.2 that the appellant no.2 is in custody since 26.03.2021 and is on the verge of completing half of the sentence imposed upon her. The learned counsel further adds that the appellant no.1 who is the mother-in-law of the deceased has been granted bail by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in I.A. No. 5581 of 2025. It has further been submitted that the appellant no.2 is the *soutane* of the deceased and the relationship of the deceased with the other family members was cordial.

Learned A.P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant no.2.

Regard being had to the fact that the case of the appellant no.2 appears to be similarly situated to that of the appellant no.1 who has been granted bail as noted above and the fact that she is on the verge of completing half of the sentence imposed upon her, we are inclined to

admit the appellant no.2 on bail. Accordingly, during the pendency of this appeal, the appellant no.2 is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned District & Additional Sessions Judge-II, FTC (CAW), Bermo at Tenughat in Sessions Trial No. 172 of 2021.

I.A. stands disposed of.

(RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY, J.)

(PRADEEP KUMAR SRIVASTAVA, J.)

27.01.2026

S.B.

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