

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 612 of 2025

Rajaram Ray @ Raja Ram Ray

--- Appellant

Versus

Union of India through its Intelligence Officer, NCB. ---

--- Respondent

CORAM: **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rongon Mukhopadhyay**
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pradeep Kumar Srivastava

For the Appellant : Mr. R.S. Mazumdar, Sr. Adv.

Mr. Om Prakash, Advocate

For the Respondent : Mr. Anil Kumar, ASGI

I.A. No.9110 of 2025

05/17.09.2025

Heard Mr. R.S. Mazumdar, learned senior counsel for the appellant and learned A.S.G.I.

This application has been preferred by the appellant for grant of bail to him during pendency of the appeal.

The appellant has been convicted for the offences under Section 20(b)(ii)C), 27(A) and 29 of NDPS Act and has been sentenced to undergo R.I. for 20 years along with a fine of Rs.2,00,000/-.

It has been alleged that a truck was intercepted and the driver of the truck had disclosed that an Innova car is escorting the said truck. Subsequently the Innova car was intercepted and four persons were apprehended. On a search made in the truck, 1050 Kg. of Ganja was recovered.

Submission has been advanced by the learned senior counsel for the appellant that the appellant is in custody since 27.02.2023. It has further been submitted that the appellant was not present either in the truck or in the Innova car. In fact, he has been implicated on suspicion of being the conspirator. Learned senior counsel submits that the appellant has got one criminal antecedent being NCB Patna Crime No.21 of 2022 in which he has already been granted bail by the Patna High Court in Cr. Misc.Petition No.77278 of 2023.

Learned A.S.G.I. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

Regard being had to the fact that the presence of the appellant was not found by the NCB officials and his implication seems to be only on

account of being a conspirator apart from the period of custody undergone by the appellant, we are inclined to admit him on bail. Accordingly, the appellant above named is directed to be released on bail during pendency of the appeal on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I cum Special Judge, Simdega in connection with NDPS Case No.09 of 2021.

I.A. No. 9110 of 2025 stands allowed and disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

Dated: 17th September 2025
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