

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (DB) No.683 of 2025

Jitendra Rajak, aged about 51 years, S/o Budhan Rajak, Resident of
Village - Choudhriband, P.O. Choudhriband P.S. Bagodar, District
Giridih. ... Appellant

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

... Respondent

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

For the Appellant	: Mr. P.P.N. Roy, Sr. Advocate Ms. Kavita Kumari, Advocate
For the State	: Mr. Subodh Kumar Dubey, A.P.P.

Order No.05/Dated- 07.10.2025

I.A. No.9301 of 2025

1. Heard Mr. P.P.N. Roy, learned senior counsel for the appellant and Mr. Subodh Kumar Dubey, learned A.P.P.
2. This application has been preferred by the appellant for grant of bail to him during the pendency of this appeal.
3. The appellant has been convicted for the offences under Sections 364 and 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code and has been sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life along with fine of Rs.10,000/- for the offence under Section 302/34 of the I.P.C.
4. It has been alleged that the accused persons including the appellant had entered into the house of the informant and had forcibly taken away the son of the informant. Subsequently, after two days, information was received that the son of the informant was found lying dead near the railway track.
5. Submission has been advanced by learned senior counsel for the appellant that P.W.1., P.W.2 and P.W.3 had categorically stated about immediately informing the police after the abduction had taken place but such information has been suppressed by the

prosecution. It has been submitted that the incident had taken place on 01.07.2022 and the First Information Report was lodged on 04.07.2022. Learned senior counsel adds that it is a case of last seen and since several accused persons are said to be involved and the nature of allegations being general, the appellant deserves to be released on bail.

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

7. On consideration of the fact that there are no eye witnesses to the incident and certain ambiguities appear in the prosecution case with respect to the information given to the police regarding the abduction as stated by P.W.1, P.W.2 and P.W.3, we are inclined to admit the appellant on bail. Accordingly, during the pendency of this appeal, the appellant namely Jitendra Rajak is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-III, Giridih in S.T. Case No.256 of 2023 arising out of Bagodar P.S. Case No.102 of 2022.

8. I.A. No.9301 of 2025 is allowed accordingly.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)