

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 820 of 2025

Vijoy Chandravanshi @ Vijay Kumar Chandravanshi @ Vijay Kumar
Chandarvanshi ... 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. Pran Pranay, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Manoj Kr. Mishra, A.P.P.

03/15.09.2025

I.A. No. 9270 of 2025

Heard the learned counsel for the respective parties.

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

The appellant has been convicted for the offences under section 376(2)(n) of the IPC and section 6 of the POCSO Act and has been sentenced to undergo RI for 20 years along with a fine of Rs.10,000/-.

It has been alleged that on the pretext of marriage the appellant had established physical relationship with the informant. Subsequently, when the informant came to know that the appellant is a criminal bent of mind the First Information Report was instituted.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that as per the evidence of PW-1 there was a love affair between the appellant and the victim for almost two years. The learned counsel submits that the age of the victim has been assessed by the Doctor to be more than 19 years. The learned counsel adds that the appellant is in custody since 27.07.2021 and in the case which led to the institution of the First Information Report i.e. Parsudih PS Case No. 103 of 2019, the appellant had remained in custody from 21.05.2019 to 17.06.2020.

Learned A.P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant and has submitted that the appellant has got several criminal antecedents.

Regard being had to evidence of the victim, who has been

examined as PW-1, from which it appears that institution of a criminal case against the appellant which came to the knowledge of the victim resulted in institution of the First Information Report, as prior to the same it is apparent that there was a love affair between the appellant and the victim, we are inclined to admit the appellant on bail. Accordingly, during the pendency of this appeal, the appellant 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 Special Judge, Exclusive (POCSO) Act, Jamshedpur in connection with Special POCSO Case No. 45 of 2021.

I.A. stands disposed of.

(RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY, J.)

(PRADEEP KUMAR SRIVASTAVA, J.)

Dated: **15.09.2025**
S.B.