

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 1118 of 2023

Ashok Lohra	-----				Appellant(s)
	Versus				
The State of Jharkhand					Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMBUJ NATH

For the Appellant(s)	-----				: Mr. Surendra Prasad Sinha, Advocate
For the State					: Mrs. Priya Shrestha, Spl.P.P

04/ Dated 25.04.2025
I.A. No. 12229 of 2024

Heard Mr. Surendra Prasad Sinha, learned counsel for the appellant and Mrs. Priya Shrestha, learned Spl.P.P on behalf of the State.

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

The prayer for bail of the appellant was earlier rejected in I.A. No. 9723 of 2023.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that the main allegation of commission of rape has been levelled against Kapil Dev Turi.

It has been submitted that in the statement of victim under Section 164 Cr.P.C., there is no allegation made by the victim that the appellant was involved in preparing video and Kapil Dev Turi had forcibly established physical relationship with her. Learned counsel further submits that the appellant was all along on bail during trial.

Learned Spl. P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant and submits that in the statement of the victim under Section 164 Cr.P.C., it appears that the appellant was also involved in abducting the victim.

On consideration of evidence of the victim who has been examined as P.W.-1 and her statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C., we are not inclined to grant bail to the appellant. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the appellant is hereby rejected at this stage.

The aforesaid I.A. stands rejected.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Ambuj Nath, J.)

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