

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (D.B.) No.680 of 2022

Suraj Kumar Sharma @ Suraj Sharma. ... Appellant.
Versus
The State of Jharkhand. ... Respondent.

WITH
Criminal Appeal (D.B.) No.713 of 2022
WITH
Criminal Appeal (D.B.) No.772 of 2022

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.
: SRI SUBHASH CHAND, J.

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05/ 22.04.2024 I.A. No.6600 of 2022 in Criminal Appeal (D.B.) No.680 of 2022

This Interlocutory Application has been filed by the appellant praying therein to suspend the sentence and release him on bail during pendency of this appeal.

2. The appellant has been convicted and sentenced in connection with Session Trial No.174 of 2020. He has been sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life under Sections 302/120B IPC with fine of Rs.25,000/-; to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life with fine of Rs.25,000/- under Section 364A/120B IPC and in default of payment of fine, further to undergo simple imprisonment for one year' and to undergo rigorous imprisonment for five years with fine of Rs.5,000/- for offences under Sections 201, 120B IPC and in default of payment of fine, further to undergo simple imprisonment for three months.

3. Heard, learned counsel for the appellant and learned A.P.P. for the State and have gone through the impugned judgment, the evidence and the Trial Court Records.

4. Opportunity was given to the State to oppose the bail, which the State availed and opposed.

5. There is an allegation that some unknown had kidnapped the victim. Victim was later murdered. Ramson was demanded by making video call.

6. Application of one of the co-convicts namely Sukhram Samant @ Ghunghru @ Sonu for suspension of sentence and to release him on bail, has been rejected in Cr. Appeal (D.B.) No.772 of 2022, on the ground that when the video call came from the persons, who had abducted the deceased, he was seen standing next to the abducting person. Similar is the case of the appellant also as P.W.1 has stated that she had seen the appellant standing next to the victim along with the other person, in the video call.
7. Since the case of this appellant stands on similar footing to that of Sukhram Samant @ Ghunghru @ Sonu, we are not inclined to release the appellant on bail.
8. This interlocutory application is, accordingly, **dismissed**.

(ANANDA SEN, J.)

(SUBHASH CHAND, J.)