

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (D.B.) No. 722 of 2022

1. Mahadev Kumar
2. Virendra Mahali @ Pachu
3. Ramesh Kumar Singh @ Pintu
4. Sadhu @ Brindaban Kumhar Appellant

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Respondent

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

For the Appellants : Mr. Jitendra Nath Upadhyay, Advocate
For the Respondent : A.P.P.

9/05.05.2026 I. A. No. 5994 of 2026:

Heard Mr. Jitendra Nath Upadhyay, learned counsel appearing for the appellant no. 2 and the learned A.P.P. appearing for the State.

This interlocutory application has been preferred by the appellant no. 2 for grant of bail to him during the pendency of this appeal.

The prayer for bail of the appellant no. 2 was earlier rejected in I.A. No. 289 of 2023.

It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant no. 2 that the case of the appellant no. 2 is similar to that of the appellant no. 3 who has been granted bail by this court in I. A. No. 28 of 2026. It has further been submitted that the appellant no. 2 is in custody since 02.09.2019.

Learned A.P.P. for the State has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant no. 2.

Regard being had to the fact that one of the similarly situated co-convict has been granted bail as noted above, during the pendency of this appeal, the appellant no. 2 - Virendra Mahali @ Pachu is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction

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of the learned Special Judge, POCSO Act, Seraikella-Kharsawan in connection with POCSO Case No. 52 of 2019.

I. A. No. 5994 of 2026 stands disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

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