

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. A. (DB) No. 996 of 2025

Pradeep Soren, aged about 26 years, son of Open Soren, resident of
Mouza,-Kurma Tola Beldih, P.O. & P.S.-Pindrajora, Dist.-Bokaro

... .. **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. Anurag Kashyap, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Subodh Kumar Dubey, A.P.P.

Order No. 03/ Dated: 26th September, 2025

I.A. No. 10769 of 2025

Heard Mr. Anurag Kashyap, learned counsel for the appellant and
Mr. Subodh Kumar Dubey, learned A.P.P. appearing for the State.

2. Despite the order dated 28.08.2025, no objection has been filed.

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

4. The appellant has been convicted for the offences under Section 6 of
the POCSO Act and section 376D of the IPC and has been sentenced to
undergo R.I. for 25 years along with a fine of Rs. 20,000/- for the offence
under Section 6 of the POCSO Act.

5. It has been alleged that the daughter of the informant was returning
home from school, where four persons had surrounded her, tied her hands
and thereafter committed rape upon her. It has further been alleged that
when the informant went to the place of occurrence, all the four persons
were apprehended and they have confessed their guilt.

6. Submission has been advanced by learned counsel for the appellant
that the evidence of the victim who has been examined as P.W.-1
categorically reveals that she has taken the name of one Aadesh Modi as the
person who had committed rape upon her. Learned counsel submits that
P.W.-6 is the Doctor who had conducted the medical test upon the victim
has stated that no signs of rape and no signs of struggle were found.
Referring to the evidence of investigating officer who has been examined as
P.W.-10, submission has been advanced that on inspection of the place of

occurrence, no sign of dragging was found on the same. Learned counsel adds that the appellant is in custody since 17.08.2023.

7. Mr. Saket Kumar, learned APP appearing for the State has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

8. It appears from the evidence of P.W.-1 the victim that though specific allegation of rape has been attributed to Aadesh Modi but at the same time the role of the appellant as one of the facilitators of the commission of rape cannot be ruled out.

9. In view of the above, we are not inclined to admit the appellant on bail and the prayer for bail of the appellant is hereby rejected, at this stage.

10. The aforesaid I.A. stands disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

26.09.2025
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