

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cr. A (D.B.) 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. Gautam Kumar, Advocate
For the Resp. State : Mr. S.K. Dubey, A.P.P.

04/Dated: 05th May, 2026

I.A. No.5752 of 2026

1. We have heard Mr. Gautam Kumar, learned counsel for the appellant and learned A.P.P.
2. This application has been preferred by the appellant for grant of bail to him during pendency of this appeal.
3. The appellant has been convicted for the offences under Section 376D of IPC and Section 6 of POCSO Act 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 POCSO Act.
4. Submission has been advanced by learned counsel for the appellant that one of the similarly situated co-convict, Ranjeet Chaure has been granted bail in Cr. Appeal (DB) No.1266 of 2025. It has been submitted that as per the evidence of the victim, who has been examined as P.W.1, it was one Aadesh Modi, who had committed rape upon her.
5. Learned A.P.P. though has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant but has not disputed the aforesaid facts.

6. Regard being had to the above, we are inclined to admit the appellant on bail. Accordingly, during 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, POCSO Act, Bokaro in Special POCSO Case No.91 of 2023.
7. I.A. No.5752 of 2026 stands disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

05/05/2026

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