

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Criminal Revision Filing No. 18728 of 2025

Md. Eqbal Ahmad @ Md. Equbal Ahmad ... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand

2. Ashok Gupta ... Opposite Parties

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Shailesh Poddar, Advocate

For the State : APP

Order No. 03

Dated 7th May, 2026

I.A. No. 6390 of 2025

Heard the learned counsel for the respective sides.

This application has been preferred by the petitioner for grant of exemption to surrender in terms of Rule 159 of the Jharkhand High Court Rules.

Earlier similar prayer was made by the petitioner in I.A. No. 10955 of 2025 which however was dismissed on 24.04.2026 since no exceptional circumstance could be pointed out by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

In the present interlocutory application, it seems that there is a change in the circumstance as the learned counsel for the petitioner has produced before the Court a demand draft amounting to Rs. 16,94,000/- drawn in the name of the opposite party No. 2.

In view of the above, therefore, issue notice to the opposite party No. 2 both in the criminal revision application as well as in the instant interlocutory application for which requisite etc. under speed post as well as by ordinary process must be filed by 14.05.2026.

Let this case be listed under the heading 'For Orders' immediately after notice is served upon the opposite parties No. 2.

In the meantime, learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to deposit the demand draft of Rs. 16,94,000/- in the office of the learned Registrar General of this Court.

Till the next of listing there shall be no coercive steps as against the petitioner in connection with judgment and order of conviction and sentence dated 04.04.2025 passed in Complaint Case No. 1287 of 2018 by learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Ranchi.

(RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY,J.)