

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 1253 of 2024

Chamra Mahto	---	Appellant
	Versus	
The State of Jharkhand.	---	Respondent

CORAM: **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Rongon Mukhopadhyay**
 Hon’ble Mr. Justice Ambuj Nath

For the Appellant	:	Mr. Ankit Apurva, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Pankaj Kumar Mishra, APP

I.A. No.5387 of 2025

03/10.07.2025 Heard Mr. Ankit Apurva, learned counsel appearing for the appellant and Mr. Pankaj Kumar Mishra, learned APP.

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

The appellant has been convicted for the offence punishable under Section 18(C) of the NDPS Act and has been sentenced to undergo R.I. for 10 years along with a fine of Rs.1,00,000/-.

It has been alleged that 2.3 kg. of opium was recovered from the house of the appellant.

Learned counsel for the appellant has submitted that one of the co-convicts namely Pariba Mahto from whose house 1.6 kg. of opium was recovered, has been granted bail by this Court in Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 1357 of 2024 on taking into consideration the fact that the recovered quantity of opium was an intermediary quantity. It has been submitted that the appellant was all along on bail during trial.

Learned APP has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

Regard being had to the fact that one of the co-convict has been granted bail by this Court, as noted above, we are inclined to admit the appellant on bail. Accordingly, the appellant above named is directed to be released on bail during pendency of the appeal on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned District & Addl. Sessions Judge-II cum Special Judge, NDPS Act at Khunti in connection with NDPS Case No. 46 of 2021

and NDPS Case No.46(A) of 2021, arising out of Maranghada P.S. Case No.25 of 2021.

I.A. No. 5387 of 2025 stands allowed and disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Ambuj Nath, J.)

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