

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. A. (DB) No. 1764 of 2023

Butan Munda @ Butanwa Munda, aged about 25 years, Son of Chanda Munda @ Chandan Munda, resident of Village-Belanga, P.O. & P.S.-Chandwa, District-Latehar, Jharkhand

... .. **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. Ajit Kumar, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Satish Prasad, A.P.P.

Order No. 11/ Dated: 22nd April, 2026

I.A. No. 4402 of 2026

Heard Mr. Ajit 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 the pendency of this appeal.

3. The appellant has been convicted for the offence under Section 376AB of the I.P.C. and Section 6 of the POCSO Act and has been sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life which shall mean imprisonment for remainder of his natural life along with a fine of Rs. 25,000/- for the offence under Section 6 of the POCSO Act.

4. It has been alleged that the daughter of the informant was subjected to rape by the appellant. The age of the victim was assessed to be 2-3 years and the medical report does indicate that the rape was committed upon her.

5. Though, it has been submitted by learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant is in custody for about 6 years but regard being had to the heinous nature of offence as attributed to the appellant which finds

support from the medical report as well, we are not inclined to admit the appellant on bail. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the appellant is hereby rejected.

6. The aforesaid I.A. stands rejected.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, J.)

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