

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 1387 of 2024

1. Santosh Singh
2. Sriram Singh @ Shree Ram Singh. Appellants
-Versus -
Union of India through Intelligence Officer, Narcotics Control Bureau,
Ranchi Respondent

CORAM: - Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rongon Mukhopadhyay
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ambuj Nath

For the Appellant No. 02 : Mr. R. S. Mazumdar, Sr. Advocate
For the U.O.I. : Mr. Anil Kumar, A.S.G.I.

05/16.06.2025

I.A. No. 5213 of 2025

Heard Mr. R. S. Mazumdar, learned senior counsel for the appellant no. 02 and Mr. Anil Kumar, learned A.S.G.I. for the Union of India.

This interlocutory application has been preferred by the appellant no. 02 for grant of bail to him during the pendency of this appeal. An objection has already been filed on behalf of the Union of India.

The appellant no. 02 has been convicted for the offences punishable under Sections 20(b)(ii)(c) & 29 of the N.D.P.S. Act and has been sentenced to undergo R.I. for 15 years alongwith fine of Rs. 2,00,000/- for the offence under Section 20(b)(ii)(c) of the N.D.P.S. Act.

It has been submitted by learned senior counsel for the appellant no. 02 that the appellant no. 02 was not present in the truck from which three persons including one Santosh Singh were apprehended. It has further been submitted that the circumstance as projected by the prosecution seems to be of telephonic conversation between the appellant no. 02 and Santosh Singh, who was present in the truck.

Learned A.S.G.I. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant no. 02 and has submitted that there are strong circumstances that it was the appellant no. 02, who was purchasing the consignment which was being transported by Santosh Singh and others and there was continuous conversation between the appellant no. 02 and Santosh Singh.

Therefore, it appears that save and except the conversation between the appellant no. 02 and Santosh Singh, there are no other materials available indicating the involvement of the appellant no. 02 in transporting ganja.

Regard being had to the above, we are inclined to admit the appellant no.02 on bail. Accordingly, during the pendency of this appeal, appellant no. 02, above named, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Sessions Judge, Bokaro in N.D.P.S. Case No. 04 of 2018 arising out of NCB Crime No. 08/NCB/Ranchi/2018.

The aforesaid I.A. stands allowed and disposed of.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J)

(Ambuj Nath, J)

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