

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (S.J.) No.964 of 2025

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Brajeshwar Mahto, aged about 72 Years, S/o Late Pusai Mahto, R/o Village-
Kareyadih, P.O. and P.S. Silli, District-Ranchi, Jharkhand Appellant
Versus
Union of India through C.B.I. Respondent

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant	: Mr. Indrajit Sinha, Adv.
	: Mr. Akhouri Awinash Kumar, Adv.
	: Mr. Ajay Kr. Sah, Adv.
For the C.B.I.	: Mr. Prashant Pallav, A.S.G.I.
	: Ms. Shreya Shukla, AC to A.S.G.I.

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I.A. No.14972 of 2025

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. The instant interlocutory application has been filed on behalf of the appellant for suspension of sentence and grant of ad interim bail, during pendency of the present appeal.
3. The present appeal has been preferred against the judgment of conviction dated 29.08.2025 and order of sentence dated 30.08.2025, passed by the court of learned Special Judge, C.B.I., Ranchi in R.C. 04 (A)/2010-AHD-R (C), whereby the appellant has been convicted for the offence under Sections 120B r/w 13(1)(d) of the P.C. Act and for the offence under Section 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of the P.C and has been sentenced to undergo R.I. for five years with a fine of Rs.1,00,000/- with default clause on each count. He has further sentenced to undergo R.I. for two years with a fine of Rs.10,000/- for the offence under Section 120B r/w 193 of the Indian Penal Code and in default of payment of fine, further sentenced to undergo S.I. for two months. All the sentences were directed to be run concurrently.
4. From the judgment, it appears that the present appellant is a Revenue Karamchari Lease in the Lease Cell, office of the LRDC, Ranchi, Ranchi related with Kanke Anchal and he in connivance with the Land Reforms Deputy Collector, Ranchi has submitted a report in favour of the Smt. Menon Ekka. It further appears that the appellant has been granted anticipatory bail during trial and after conviction he is in custody since 29.08.2025.
5. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant has a very good case and there is every chance of success. Further

there is no chance of taking up the case in the near future. He has further relied upon the several orders whereby the sentence has been suspended vide order dated 25.03.2026 passed in Cr. Appeal (S.J.) No.852 of 2025, vide order dated 17.03.2026 passed in Cr. Appeal (S.J.) No.916 of 2025, vide order dated 18.12.2025 passed in Cr. Appeal (S.J.) No.890 of 2025 and vide order dated 18.03.2026 passed in Cr. Appeal (S.J.) No.836 of 2025 with Cr. Appeal (S.J.) No.837 of 2025.

6. It has been further submitted that the similarly situated all the persons have been granted bail including principle accused, namely, Smt. Menon Ekka and Sri. Anosh Ekka. On this ground, prayer for suspension of sentence has been made.

7. Learned counsel for the C.B.I. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant but could not point out any factual matrix which differentiate the case from the other co-accused.

8. In view of above fact and for maintaining the parity, I am inclined to suspend the sentence and enlarge the appellant on bail, on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge, C.B.I., Ranchi in R.C. 04 (A)/2010-AHD-R (C), subject to the condition that the appellant will remain present before the Court when the appeal is taken up for hearing, failing which his bail shall be cancelled.

9. I.A. No.14972 of 2025 stands disposed of.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

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