

IN THE HIGHCOURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (DB) No. 25 of 2026

Krish Munda @ Chottu Munda @ Krish aged about 35 years S/o Sado
Munda @ Jadu Munda R/o Village-Baredih P.O. Mankidih P.S.-Tamar
District-Ranchi (Jharkhand) ... **Appellant**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ... **Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Appellant : Mr. Kripa Shankar Nanda, Advocate

For the Respondent : Mr. Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, A.P.P.

Order No.02

Dated 20th January, 2026

I.A. No. 163 of 2026

Heard Mr. K. S. Nanda, learned counsel for the appellant and
learned A.P.P.

This interlocutory application has been preferred by the
appellant for condoning a delay of 34 days in filing the appeal.

Having been satisfied with the reasons assigned in the instant
application, the same is allowed and the delay of 34 days in filing the
appeal is, hereby, condoned.

I.A. No. 163 of 2026 stands disposed of.

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This appeal is directed against the order dated 24.09.2025
passed in Miscellaneous Criminal Application No. 373 of 2025,
arising out of Arki P.S. Case No. 11 of 2011 (S.T. No. 179 of 2023) by
the learned District & Additional Sessions Judge-I, Khunti, whereby
and whereunder the prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected.

It has been alleged that there was an exchange of firing between
the Police personnel and the extremists as a result of which two of the
police personnel had sustained some injuries.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant is not named in the First Information Report and has been implicated on the confessional statement of co-accused Parmeshwar Munda. It has further been submitted that the appellant is in custody since 05.12.2022 and there is no chance of the trial being concluded in the near future.

Learned A.P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

On consideration of the manner of implication of the appellant and the period of custody undergone by him, we while setting aside the order dated 24.09.2025 passed in Miscellaneous Criminal Application No. 373 of 2025, arising out of Arki P.S. Case No. 11 of 2011 (S.T. No. 179 of 2023) by the learned District & Additional Sessions Judge-I, Khunti, direct that the appellant be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned District & Additional Sessions Judge-I, Khunti in connection with Arki P.S. Case No. 11 of 2011 (S.T. No. 179 of 2023).

This appeal stands allowed.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

Dated:-20th January, 2026
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