

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J.) No.03 of 2026

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Etwa Bodra, aged about 17 year, Son of Duguru Bodra, Resident of Village-Barjo, P.O. Leangi, P.S. Bandgaon, District-West Singhbhum At, Chaibasa, through natural guardian and father Duguru Bodra, Son of Golo Bodra, Resident of Village-Barjo, P.O. Leangi, P.S. Bandgaon, District-West Singhbhum At, Chaibasa

.... Appellant

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
 2. Hiramani Soy W/o Patras Soy, vill-Jamda, Thana-Murhu, Dist.-Khuti, Jharkhand
- Respondent

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant : Mr. Gautam Kumar, Adv.

For the State : Mr. Sardhu Mahto, A.P.P.

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06/23.04.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned APP.
2. The present appeal has been filed against the order dated 11.09.2025 passed by learned Addl. Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge (Children Court), West Singhbhum at Chaibasa in M.C.A. No.1255 of 2025 arising out of Children Case No.09 of 2024 corresponding to Bandgaon P.S. Case No.04 of 2024, registered for the offence under Sections 302/ 201/34 of the Indian Penal Code by which prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected.
3. The juvenile in conflict with law, is in custody since 26.02.2024, has approached this Court for release through his father who is ready and willing to keep his child under his custody with proper care. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the appellant that he has been roped in the present case only on the basis of the confession of the co-accused. Several similarly situated accused persons have already been granted bail by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 30.03.2026 passed in B.A. No.2541 of 2026, vide order dated 30.03.2026 passed in B.A. No.2539 of 2026 and vide order dated 12.08.2025 passed in B.A. No.6987 of 2025.
4. Learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail.
5. Since, the only material against the appellant is confession of the co-accused, hence, the appellant is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Addl. Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge (Children Court), West Singhbhum at Chaibasa in connection with Children Case No.09 of 2024 corresponding to Bandgaon P.S. Case No.04 of 2024,

subject to the condition that one of the bailors must be the father of the appellant.

6. Further, concerned Probation Officer is directed to report, once in three months, to the Children's Court, West Singhbhum at Chaibasa regarding the conduct of the appellant. The Children's Court is at liberty to take the juvenile in custody if his conduct is not found appropriate.

7. Accordingly, instant criminal appeal is allowed and disposed of.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

23.04.2026

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