

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J) No.1101 of 2025

Menon Ekka

.... **Appellant(s)**

-Versus-

State through Central Bureau of Investigation

.... **Respondent(s)**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant

: Mr. Navin Kumar, Adv.

: Mr. Anjani Kumar, Adv.

For the CBI

: Mr. Deepak Kr. Bharti, Adv.

04/Dated: 23rd April, 2026

I.A No.17524 of 2025

1. The instant interlocutory application has been filed on behalf of the appellant for suspension of sentence and grant of bail, during pendency of the instant appeal.

2. This criminal appeal has been filed against the judgment of conviction dated 29.08.2025 and order of sentence dated 30.08.2025 passed by the learned AJC-XVIII-cum-Special Judge C.B.I, Ranchi in connection with Case No.R.C.04(A)/2010-AHD-R (C) whereby, the appellant has been convicted for the offence under Sections 120B IPC read with Section 13 (1)(d) of the P.C. Act, 13(2) r/w section 13(1)(d) of the P.C. Act, Section 120B IPC r/w section 193 IPC and Section 193 IPC and the maximum sentence imposed upon her is rigorous imprisonment for seven years along with a fine of Rs.1,00,000/- with a default clause.

3. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant has been charged for the offence under Sections 120B r/w 420/193 of the IPC and Sections 13(2) r/w 13(1) (d) of the P.C Act, 1988 and finally, she has been convicted under the above sections. Learned counsel has further submitted that there are nine accused persons, out of whom seven co-accused persons have already been granted bail by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court. One of the co-accused person namely, Anosh Ekka (the husband of this appellant) has already been granted bail by the Hon'ble Apex Court in Special Leave Petition (Criminal) Diary No.17824 of 2023, vide order dated 17.05.2023. The bail orders have been brought on record. The case of the appellant stands on similar footing. The

appellant has remained in custody for more than three years. On these grounds, prayer for suspension of sentence has been made.

4. Learned counsel for the CBI has opposed the prayer for suspension of sentence and has submitted that the appellant is a serial violator of the Chotanagpur Tenancy Act.

5. Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and from perusal of the records, it appears that the suspension of sentence has been ordered by the Hon'ble Apex Court and similarly situated co-accused persons have already been granted bail by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, and as such, I am inclined to suspend the sentence and enlarge the appellant on bail during the pendency of this appeal. Accordingly, the appellant named above, is directed to be released on bail, on her furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned AJC-XVIII-cum-Special Judge C.B.I, Ranchi in connection with Case No.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, her bail shall be cancelled.

6. In the result, the present interlocutory application is hereby, allowed.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

Dated: 23rd April, 2026
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