

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (SJ) No. 78 of 2026

Ram Kumar Singh @ Raj Kumar Yadav, aged about 35 years,
s/o late Premdhar Singh @ late Nageshwar Yadav, r/o
Namkum Khatal, P.O. & P.S.-Namkum, Dist.-Ranchi

.... Appellant

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Neli Mariyum Kujur, w/o Sonu Munda, r/o Village-Zorar Basti, P.O.+P.S.-Namkum, Dist.-Ranchi, Jharkhand

.... Respondents

P R E S E N T

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Appellant	 : Mr. Kalyan Roy, Sr. Advocate : Mr. Sidhartha Roy, Advocate
For the State	: Ms. Vandana Bharti, Addl. P.P.
For Resp. No.2	: Mr. Santosh Kr. Soni, Advocate

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By the Court:-

1. Heard the parties.
2. This criminal appeal has been filed under Section 14A of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 with the prayer to set aside the order dated 02.12.2025 passed by the learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-II-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST Act, Ranchi whereby and whereunder, the learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-II-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST Act, Ranchi has rejected the prayer for regular bail of the

appellant filed in connection with SC/ST Case No. 56 of 2025 arising out of Namkum P.S. Case No. 110 of 2025.

3. It is submitted by the learned Senior Advocate appearing for the appellant that the allegation against the appellant is that the appellant was the member of unlawful assembly and in prosecution of the common object of the assembly committed the murder of Sonu Munda and attempted to murder others. It is next submitted by the learned Senior Advocate appearing for the appellant that so far three witnesses have been examined during the trial of the case including wife of Sonu Munda who has been examined as P.W.1; and P.W.3 is one of the victims of the alleged occurrence and he has also stated that Sonu Munda sustained injury in the occurrence but he died during the course of his treatment. It is then submitted by the learned Senior Advocate appearing for the appellant that all the witnesses have not stated anything to implicate the appellant in this case and all the witnesses have been declared hostile by the prosecution even though the prosecution put leading questions to them but still they did not support the case of the prosecution. It is further submitted by the learned Senior Advocate appearing for the appellant that under such facts of the case, the impugned order dated 02.12.2025 passed by the learned Additional Judicial

Commissioner-II-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST Act, Ranchi be set aside and the appellant be released on bail.

4. Considering the aforesaid facts of the case and the fact that the appellant has been in custody since 19.03.2025 as well as the co-accused persons have been granted bail, this Court is of the considered view that the learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-II-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST Act, Ranchi has committed a grave illegality in refusing to release the appellant on bail and keeping in view the facts of the case in the considered opinion of this Court, the appellant is entitled to be released on bail.
5. Accordingly, the impugned order dated 02.12.2025 passed by the learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-II-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST Act, Ranchi in connection with SC/ST Case No. 56 of 2025 arising out of Namkum P.S. Case No. 110 of 2025 is quashed and set aside and the appellant is directed to be released on bail, on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand), with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-II-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST Act, Ranchi in connection with SC/ST Case No. 56 of 2025 arising out of Namkum P.S. Case No. 110 of 2025 with the condition that the appellant will cooperate with the trial of this case and will

not annoy or disturb the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case.

6. In the result, this criminal appeal is allowed.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

High Court of Jharkhand, Ranchi
Dated the 14th August, 2026
AFR/Gunjan/-

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