

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 161 of 2026

Praveen Murmu	...	Appellant
	Versus	
The State of Jharkhand	...	Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRADEEP KUMAR SRIVASTAVA

For the Appellant	: Mr. Awnish Shankar, Advocate
For the State	: Spl.P.P.

04/07.05.2026

I.A. No. 4870 of 2026

Heard the learned counsel for the respective sides.

This application has been preferred by the appellant for grant of bail to him during the pendency of this appeal.

The appellant has been convicted for the offences under section 376(D) of the Indian Penal Code and section 6 of the POCSO Act and has been sentenced to undergo RI for 25 years along with a fine of Rs.50,000/- for the offence under section 6 of the POCSO Act.

It has been alleged that the victim had gone to a marriage ceremony and during the said ceremony, while she had come out to attend the call of nature, the accused persons including the present appellant had accosted her and dragged her to a lonely place and had subjected her to a gang rape.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that the victim has failed to identify the appellant, while he was produced through video conferencing. It has further been submitted that the victim has not taken the name of the accused persons since they belong to a different village. Learned counsel further submits that the appellant is in custody since long.

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

It appears from the evidence of PW-2, who is the mother of the victim, that she had identified the appellant and she has further stated

that the family members of the accused persons were involved in the murder of her husband. The medical report is supportive of the brutal rape which was committed upon the victim.

Regard being had to the aforesaid circumstances, we are not inclined to admit the appellant on bail. His prayer for bail is hereby rejected.

I.A. stands rejected.

(RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY, J.)

(PRADEEP KUMAR SRIVASTAVA, J.)

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