

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J.) No.18 of 2026

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Alok Srivastava, aged about 60 years, Son of Late Alakh Niranjana Srivastava,
Resident of Church Road, Daltonganj, P.O. & P.S.-Daltonganj, Dist.-Palamau
.... Appellant

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Rukmini Devi, Wife of Sambhunath Ram, Resident of Meral, P.O. & P.S.-
Meral, Dist.-Garhwa, presently residing at Redma, Near Police Chowki, Town
No.2, Ward No.19, P.O. & P.S.-Daltonganj, Dist.-Palamau Respondents

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant	: Mr. J.S.Tripathi, Adv. Mr. Amandeep Kr. Pandey, Adv.
For the State	: Mr. Rajesh Kumar, A.P.P.
For the Resp. No.2	: Mr. Anurag Kashyap, Adv. : Mr. Bhaswat Prakash, Adv.

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1. The present appeal has been filed under Section 14-A of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015.
2. Heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned APP as well as learned counsel for the respondent No.2.
3. The present appeal is directed against the order dated 17.12.2025 passed by the learned Addl. Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST (POA) Act, Garhwa in A.B.P. No.762 of 2025 in connection with Garhwa P.S. Case No.646 of 2022, registered for the offence under Sections 420/ 504/ 506 and 406 of the IPC and Sections 3(1)(x), 3(1)(xi), 3(1)(j) & 3(1)(k) of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, whereby and whereunder the prayer of the appellant for grant of anticipatory bail has been dismissed. The case is presently pending before the court of learned Addl. Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST (POA) Act, Garhwa.
4. It appears to be a purely commercial transaction involving the sale and purchase of land. The appellant has already deposited a demand draft of ₹3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs) before the Registrar General of this Court, which was taken from the victim, and has expressed his willingness to return the same. The victim is also agreeable to receiving the said amount.
5. In that view of the matter, the appellant, above named, is directed to surrender before the learned Trial Court within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt/production of copy of this order and in the event of his arrest or

surrender, he shall be enlarged on bail, on his furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Addl. Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST (POA) Act, Garhwa in connection with Garhwa P.S. Case No.646 of 2022, on the conditions as laid down under Section 482 of the B.N.S.S., 2023. Further, the appellant will submit self-attested photo copy of his Aadhaar Card and also submit his mobile number before the learned trial court which he will always keep active and will not change it during pendency of this case without prior permission of the Court.

6. The Registrar General of this Court is directed to release the amount in favour of the victim after due verification.

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

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

23.04.2026

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