IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J) No.456 of 2026

Arun Gope, aged about 17 years, son of Late Kisto Gope, resident of Tetuldang, Post Burudih, Police Station Gamharia, District Seraikella Kharsawan, represented through his brother and natural guardian Shatrughan Gope, son of Late Kisto Gope, resident of House No.25, Tetuldang, Post Burudih, Police Station Gamharia, District Seraikella Kharsawan

…. …. Appellant(s)

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. XXXX (Victim)

…. …. Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant : Mr. Vikash Kumar, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Achinto Sen, APP

03/Dated: 18th August, 2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned APP for the State.

2. In spite of valid service of notice, nobody appears on behalf of the victim.

3. The present appeal has been filed against the order dated 23.03.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Spl. Judge (Children Court), Seraikella in M.C.R.A. No.211 of 2026 arising out of R.I.T.P.S. Case No.32 of 2025 corresponding to Children Case No.04 of 2026, for the offence under Sections 137(2)/ 96 of B.N.S., 2023 and Section 4 of the POCSO Act, by which, prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected. The case is pending before the Court of learned District & Additional Sessions Judge-I, Seraikella.

4. The juvenile in conflict with law, is in custody since 24.07.2025, has approached this Court for release through his elder brother who is ready and willing to keep the appellant under his custody with proper care. His parents are dead.

5. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

6. Considering the social investigation report, the appellant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand)

with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned District & Additional Sessions Judge-I, Seraikella in connection with R.I.T.P.S. Case No.32 of 2025 corresponding to Children Case No.04 of 2026, subject to the condition that one of the bailors must be the brother of the appellant.

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

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

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

Dated: 18th August, 2026
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