IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 633 of 2026

Yogendra Bharti @ Birendra Bharti @ Jogendra Bharti aged about 33 yrs, son of Late Chamari Bharti, resident of village – Levadiya Nanaikala Tola, P.O. & P.S. – Pratappur, District- Chatra ... ... **Appellant**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ... ... **Respondent**

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR RAI

For the Appellant :Mr. Sushant Kr. Sinha, Advocate
For the Res.-State :Ms. Kumari Rashmi, A.P.P.

02/19.06.2026 Heard Mr. Sushant Kr. Sinha, learned counsel for the appellant and Ms. Kumari Rashmi learned A.P.P. for the State.

This appeal is directed against the order dated 26.03.2026 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Chatra in Misc. Cri. Application No. 253/2026 in connection with Chatra Sadar P.S. Case No. 390 of 2022 in S.T. Case No. 131/2026, whereby and whereunder, the prayer for regular bail of the appellant has been rejected.

It has been alleged that the named accused persons had demanded levy from the construction site and had also set ablaze two J.C.B.s. It has further been alleged that a search operation was conducted by the police, but the extremists managed to flee away.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that though the appellant is named in the F.I.R., but the same is only on the basis of suspicion. It has been submitted that similarly situated co-accused persons have already been granted bail in Criminal Appeal (DB) No. 1377 of 2025, Criminal Appeal (DB) No. 1135 of 2024, Criminal Appeal (DB) No. 583 of 2023 and

Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 430 of 2023 respectively. Learned counsel submits that the appellant is in custody since 22.01.2026.

Learned A.P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant and has submitted that the appellant has got criminal antecedents.

Regard being had to the manner of implication of the appellant and fact that several co-accused persons similarly situated having been granted bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court as noted above, we while setting aside the order dated 26.03.2026 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Chatra in Misc. Cri. Application No. 253/2026, direct that the appellant be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Sessions Judge, Chatra in connection with Chatra Sadar P.S. Case No. 390 of 2022 in S.T. Case No. 131/2026.

This appeal stands allowed.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)

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