IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cr. Appeal (D.B) No.1008 of 2026

Munu Oraon @ Munu Uraon, aged about 39 years, S/o Tatwa Oraon, Resident of Village-Gutwa, P.O. & P.S.-Garu, District-Latehar, Jharkhand ... Appellant

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ... Respondent

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

For the Appellant : Mrs. Juhi Kumari, Advocate
For the State : Spl. P.P.

Order No.02/Dated: 25.08.2026

I.A. No.10965 of 2026

1. Heard Mrs. Juhi Kumari, learned counsel for the appellant and learned Spl. P.P.

2. This application has been preferred by the appellant for condoning the delay of 40 days in filing the appeal.

3. Having been satisfied with the reasons assigned in the instant application, the same is allowed and the delay of 40 days in filing the appeal, is hereby, condoned.

4. I.A. No.10965 of 2026 stands disposed of.

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5. This appeal is directed against the order dated 20.05.2026 passed in M.C.A. No. 215 of 2026 in connection with S.T. Case No. 04 of 2026 arising out of A.H.T.U. Lohardaga P.S. Case No. 02 of 2025 corresponding to G.R. No. 429 of 2025 by the learned

Additional Sessions Judge-II, Lohardaga, whereby and whereunder the prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected.

6. It has been alleged that the appellant was apprehended in Lohardaga station alongwith five minor children.

7. Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant is in no way connected to human trafficking and he does not have any criminal antecedent. It has been submitted that all the children have been recovered and the appellant is in custody since 16.10.2025. Learned counsel adds that out of sixteen charge-sheet witnesses only four witnesses have been examined so far and there is no probability of the trial being concluded in the near future.

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

9. Regard being had to the period of custody undergone by the appellant and the fact that all the minor children have been recovered, we while setting aside the order dated 20.05.2026 passed in M.C.A. No. 215 of 2026 in connection with S.T. Case No. 04 of 2026 arising out of A.H.T.U. Lohardaga P.S. Case No. 02 of 2025 corresponding to G.R. No. 429 of 2025 by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-II, Lohardaga, 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 Additional Sessions Judge-II, Lohardaga in connection with S.T. Case No. 04 of 2026 arising out of A.H.T.U. Lohardaga P.S. Case No. 02 of 2025 corresponding to G.R. No. 429 of 2025, subject to the

condition that the appellant shall remain physically present before the learned trial court on each and every date till the conclusion of the trial unless prevented by any sufficient cause.

10. This appeal is allowed.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)

25th August, 2026
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