IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Revision No. 332 of 2026

Rahul Kumar Mandal, aged about 16 years, son of Niren Mandal, resident of village English, Araji Mokimpur Tikar Tola, P.O. Mangalhat, P.S. Rajmahal, District Sahibganj, represented through his natural guardian-cum-mother namely Mira Devi. ….. …. Petitioner (s)

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ….. …. Opp. Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Gautam Kumar, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Rajesh Kumar, A.P.P.

Order No. 02/ Dated 07.05.2026

Heard Mr. Gautam Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P for the State.

This application is directed against the judgment dated 17.01.2026 passed in Cr. Appeal No. 62 of 2025 by the learned Special Judge, Children's Court, Sahibganj, whereby and whereunder, the order dated 13.10.2025 passed in M.C.A No.1480 of 2025, arising out of Rajmahal P.S. Case No.231 of 2025 by the learned Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Sahibganj, rejecting the prayer for bail of the petitioner has been affirmed.

An allegation has been leveled that while the informant had gone to answer the call of nature, the accused persons on the point of pistol had committed gang rape upon her.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is not named in the First Information Report and even in her 180 BNSS statement, the victim has not disclosed the name of the petitioner. Learned counsel submits that only on account of the confessional statement of the named accused persons, the petitioner has been implicated. It has further been submitted that the petitioner is in remand home since 23.07.2025.

Learned A.P.P has opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

Regard being had to the implication of the petitioner which emanates from the confessional statement of the co-accused persons, while setting aside the judgment dated 17.01.2026 passed in Cr. Appeal No. 62 of 2025 by the learned Special Judge, Children's Court, Sahibganj and the order

dated 13.10.2025 passed in MCA No.1480 of 2025, arising out of Rajmahal P.S. Case No.231 of 2025 by the learned Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Sahibganj, the petitioner, named above, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Sahibganj, in connection with Rajmahal P.S. Case No.231 of 2025 in M.C.A. No.1480 of 2025, subject to the condition that the mother of the petitioner shall ensure the safety of the petitioner and shall further ensure that the petitioner is kept away from anti-social elements.

This application is allowed.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

Dated 07/05/2026
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