Neutral Citation No. (2026:JHHC:13742)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Revision No. 436 of 2026

Vishnu Oraon @ Bishnu Oraon @ V. Oraon @ B. Oraon, S/o Somra Oraon, R/o Village- Barhaiya, P.O. Tangar & P.S. Chanho, District- Ranchi, Jharkhand-835214 represented through his Natural Guardian and father Somra Oraon, S/o Baiju Oraon, R/o Village- Barhaiya, P.O. Tangar & P.S. Chanho, District- Ranchi, Jharkhand-835214 ... ... **Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ... ... **Opposite Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Rajveer Singh, Advocate
For the State : Mrs. Mohua Palit, A.P.P.

03/07.05.2026 Heard Mr. Rajveer Singh, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P. for the State.

This application is directed against the order dated 12.03.2026 passed by the learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-IV-cum-Special Judge, POCSO Act, Ranchi in Criminal Appeal No. 22/2026, whereby and whereunder, the order dated 15.01.2026 passed in connection with Chanho P.S. Case No. 153/2025, by the learned Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Ranchi rejecting the prayer for bail of the petitioner has been affirmed.

The petitioner and other accused persons were suspected to have committed the murder of the father of the informant.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the main accused Champa Oraon has been granted regular bail in B.A. No. 3302 of 2026. It has further been submitted that there are no eye-witnesses to the incident and as per the prosecution case it is on the disclosure of Champa Oraon as well as the present petitioner the dead body of the father of the informant was recovered. Learned counsel submits that it

was Champa Oraon who had confessed at the initial stage purportedly followed by the petitioner and, therefore, it cannot be construed to mean that the dead body was recovered at the instance of the petitioner.

Learned A.P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner and has submitted that the confessional statement of Champa Oraon was recorded on 08.10.2025 at 1:35 P.M. while that of the petitioner was recorded on 08.10.2025 at 3:15 P.M. She has further submitted that the dead body was recovered on 10.10.2025.

Regard being had to the fact that the co-accused Champa Oraon has been granted bail and the confessional statement of the petitioner was recorded after the initial confession had been given by Champa Oraon, while setting aside the order dated 12.03.2026 passed by the learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-IV-cum-Special Judge, POCSO Act, Ranchi in Criminal Appeal No. 22/2026, and the order dated 15.01.2026 passed in connection with Chanho P.S. Case No. 153/2025, by the learned Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Ranchi, direct that the petitioner 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 Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Ranchi in connection with Chanho P.S. Case No. 153/2025, *subject to the condition that the father of the petitioner shall ensure the safety of the petitioner and shall further ensure that the petitioner does not mingle with anti-social elements.*

This appeal stands allowed.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

Dated, the 7th May, 2026
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