IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J.) No.297 of 2024

Rajeev Turi, aged about 36 years, Son of Jaddish Turi @ Jagdish Turi @ Jagdish Turi, residence of Village Phulchuwan, P.O. & P.S Sarath, District Deoghar **…. …. Appellant(s)**

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Ranjeet Bhokta, son of Late Hari Bhokta, residence of Village Phulchuwan, P.O. & P.S. Sarath, District Deoghar

…. …. Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant : Mr. Sourabh Kumar Das, Advocate
: Mr. Abhishek Kumar, Adv.
For the State : Mr. Praful Jojo, A.P.P
For the Respondent No.2 : Mr. Anuj Kumar Trivedi, Adv.

20/Dated: 05th November, 2026

1. Heard the parties.

2. The present criminal appeal has been preferred for quashing the order dated 01.04.2024 passed in Complaint Case No.27 of 2023 by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-1-cum-Special Judge, Deoghar, whereby and whereunder, the Protest-cum-Complaint Case No.27 of 2023, arising out of Sarath P.S. Case No.181 of 2022, for the offence under Sections 85, 504, 506 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 3(1)(r)(s) of the SC/ST (PoA) Act has been dismissed.

3. The First Information Report being Sarath P.S. Case No.181 of 2022 was lodged against the respondent No.2 namely, Ranjeet Bhokta. Upon completion of the investigation, police has submitted the final-form, against which, a protest-cum-complaint petition has been filed which was dismissed by the Court below, vide order dated 01.04.2024. The said order has been impugned in the present criminal appeal.

4. From perusal of the records, it appears that the allegation is that this appellant was executing a government contract and in that process, he has been assaulted and abused, but whether he was the holder of any government

contract or not that has not been brought to the notice of the Trial Court. This is settled principle of law that the documentary evidence cannot be replaced by the oral evidence. Thus, the Trial Court was right in dismissing the Protest-cum-Complaint petition due to want of proper evidence.

5. In that view of the matter, this Court finds no reason to interfere with the impugned order dated 01.04.2024 passed in Protest-cum-Complaint Case No.27 of 2023 by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-1-cum-Special Judge, Deoghar.

6. Accordingly, the present criminal appeal is hereby, **dismissed**.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

Dated: **05th November, 2026**
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