2026:JHHC:26600

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (SJ) No.496 of 2026

Sudhir Kumar Singh, aged about 54 years, S/o Late Harendra Singh, resident of Lohardaga Mission Chowk, P.O. & P.S. Gumla, District Gumla, Jharkhand. ….. **Appellant(s)**

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Mani Kumari, W/o Sri Ram Sagar, R/o Mani HP Gas, School Road, Ginjo Thakurgaon, P.O. & P.S. Thakurgaon, District Ranchi.

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant(s) : Mr. Pran Pranay, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Tarun Kumar, APP

Order No.03/ Dated: 2nd September, 2026

1. Heard learned counsel for appellant and learned APP for the State.

2. In spite of valid service of notice, nobody appears on behalf of the respondent No.2/Victim.

3. The appellant, who is in custody since 14.03.2026 has approached this court against the order dated 17.04.2026, passed in MCA No. 589 of 2026 by the court of learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-II, Ranchi in connection with Thakurgaon P.S. Case No.35 of 2023 registered for the offence under Sections 406, 420, 385 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 3(1)(r)(s) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act (For short the SC/ ST Act), whereby the prayer for grant of regular bail to the appellant has been rejected.

4. Innocence of the appellant has been claimed and undertaking has been given to participate in the trial. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant that there is merely "employee employer" relationship between the parties. On the above basis, prayer for bail has been made.

5. On the other hand, learned APP for the State has opposed the

prayer for grant of bail to the appellant.

6. Considering the fact that there is employee employer relationship between the parties and also considering the period of custody, I am inclined to enlarge the appellant on bail accordingly, the appellant is directed to be enlarged on bail, on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-II, Ranchi in connection with Thakurgaon P.S. Case No.35 of 2023, subject to the condition that the appellant(s) shall submit self-attested photocopy of his/her/their Aadhaar Card and also submit his/her/their mobile number before the learned trial court below, which he/she/they will always keep active and will not change it during pendency of the case without prior permission of the court.

7. In the result, the present criminal appeal stands allowed and, accordingly, disposed of.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

2nd September, 2026
Madhav/-
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