**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**
**Cr. Appeal (S.J.) No. 567 of 2026**
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Motilal Sahu, aged about 32 years, S/o- Balchand Sahu, R/o- Torpa, P.O.- Torpa, P.S.-Torpa, Dist. Khunti, Jharkhand.

.... .... …. Appellant(s)

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Victim .... .... .... Respondent(s)

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**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR**

For the Appellant(s) : Mr. Soumitra Baroi, Advocate
For the State : Mrs. Vandana Bharti, A.P.P.
For the Resp. No. 2 : Mr. Vikas Kumar, Advocate

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**Order No.04/Dated : 24.09.2026**

1. The present appeal has been filed under Section 14-A of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act.

2. Heard learned counsel for the appellant, learned counsel for the State and the learned counsel for the respondent No.2/victim.

3. The present appeal has been filed against the order dated 02.06.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Jamshedpur in Misc. Cri. Application No.827 of 2026 arising out of SC/ST P.S. Case No.03 of 2026, registered for the offences under Sections 126(2), 115(2), 89, 91, 69, 352, 351(2), 351(3), 3(5) of B.N.S., 2023 and under Sections 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s), 3(1)(w)(i) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act whereby the prayer for grant of regular bail of the appellant has been rejected. The case is presently pending in the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Jamshedpur.

4. It has been submitted that there was a consensual relationship between the parties for the last eight years. Due to one and other reason, the relationship had broken up and the appellant has got married to another lady which is the reason behind for filing of the present case. Further it has been submitted that the charge has already been framed on 11.09.2026 and the case is now in the stage of evidence.

5. Learned A.P.P. and the learned counsel for the respondent No.2

have opposed the prayer for bail. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the respondent No.2 that the appellant has exploited the victim on the false pretext of marriage.

6. Having heard the learned counsels for the parties and after going through the materials available on record, it appears that both the parties are mature and after being eight years in live-in relationship, the breakup is not a crime.

7. In that view of the matter, the appellant named above, is directed to be released on bail, on his furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Jamshedpur in connection with SC/ST P.S. Case No.03 of 2026, subject to the condition that the appellant will submit self-attested photocopy of his Aadhaar Card and also submit his mobile number before the learned trial Court which he will always keep active and will not change it during pendency of this case without prior permission of the court.

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

(**Rajesh Kumar, J.**)

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