IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (S.J.) No. 636 of 2026

Iqramul Ansari, aged about 20 years, S/O Imamul Ansari, resident of Village- Kharpoka (Virajpur), P.O. & P.S.- Khukhra, District- Giridih (Jharkhand). .... …. Appellant(s)

Versus

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant(s) : Mr. Md. Ayub Ansari, Advocate
For the State : Mr. V. K. Vashishtha, Spl. P.P.
For the Resp. No. 2 : Ms. Raj Laksmi Sharma, Amicus Curiae

Order No.04/Dated : 28.09.2026

1. The present appeal has been filed under Section 14-A of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

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

3. The present appeal has been filed against the order dated 17.06.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST (PoA) Act, Giridih in Misc. Cri. Application No.471 of 2026 in connection with Khukhra P.S. Case No.13 of 2025 (SC/ST Case No. 19 of 2026), registered for the offence under Section 74 of B.N.S., 2023 under Sections 3/4 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and under Section 67 of the I.T. 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-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST (PoA) Act, Giridih. The appellant is in custody since 14.02.2026.

4. It has been submitted that although the allegation has been made under Section 74 of the B.N.S., 2023, under Sections 3/4 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and under Section 67 of I.T. Act, but he has not been charged under the Section 67 of the I.T. Act. The charge has already been framed and out of six charge- sheeted witnesses, one witness has already been examined.

5. Learned A.P.P. and the learned amicus for the respondent No.2/victim have opposed the prayer for bail.

6. Considering the above facts and the period of custody undergone by the appellant, I am inclined to grant the privilege of regular bail to the appellant. Accordingly, 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-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST (PoA) Act, Giridih in connection with Khukhra P.S. Case No.13 of 2025 2025 (SC/ST Case No. 19 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.

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

8. Let this order be communicated to the learned Member Secretary, JHALSA, Ranchi, for the purpose of remuneration to be paid to the learned Amicus Curiae as permissible.

(**Rajesh Kumar, J.**)

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