IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J.) No.652 of 2026

Vinay Kumar @ Chhotu Kumar, aged about 26 years, S/o Vishwanath Saw, R/o Village-Bind Mohalla, P.O. & P.S.-Sadar, District-Chatra

…. …. Appellant

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Sitaram Choudhary, aged about 55 years, S/o Late Bhuneshwar Posi, R/o Naiyki Talab, P.O. & P.S. Chatra Sadar, District-Chatra (Jharkhand)

…. …. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant : Mr. Shashikant Jaiswal, Adv.
For the State : Mr. Sanat Kr. Jha, A.P.P.
For the Resp. No.2 : Mr. Akshay Kumar, Amicus Curiae

04/Dated: 07.09.2026

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

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

3. The appeal has been filed against the impugned order dated 12.06.2026 in Misc. Cr. Appeal No. 781 of 2026 passed by the learned Special Judge, (SC/ST Act), Chatra in connection with (SC/ST) Sadar P.S. Case No.53 of 2022 registered for the offence under Sections 341, 323, 325, 379, 307, 506, 34 of the Indian Penal Code and under Section 3(i)(r)(s) of the SC/ST Act whereby the prayer for grant of bail of the appellant has been rejected. The case is presently pending in the court of the learned Additional Sessions Judge First Class, Chatra.

4. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant is in custody since 20.05.2026. On the above basis, the prayer for bail has been made.

5. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail.

6. Considering the period of custody, 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 First Class, Chatra in connection with (SC/ST) Sadar P.S. Case No.53 of 2022, 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 court below 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 instant 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.)

Dated: 07.09.2026
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