Neutral Citation No. (2026:JHHC:27612-DB)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (D.B.) No. 970 of 2026

Sanyasi Kumar @ Sanyasi Kherwar @ Sanyasi Kharwar S/o Jaleshwar Kherwar, R/o Ravidas Tola, Kothar, PO Kaitha, PO & District Ramgarh
… … Appellant

Versus

The State of Jharkhand … … Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR RAI

For the Appellant : Mr. Jitesh Kumar, Advocate
For the Respondent : A.P.P.

3/14.09.2026 Heard Mr. Jitesh Kumar, learned counsel appearing for the appellant and the learned A.P.P. appearing for the State.

2. This appeal is directed against the order dated 09.07.2026 passed by the learned Additional Judicial Commissioner IV-cum-Special Judge, POCSO Act, Ranchi in connection with MCA No. 1523 of 2026 arising out of Dhurwa P. S. Case No. 8 of 2026 corresponding to S. T. No. 348 of 2026 whereby and whereunder the prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected.

3. It has been alleged that an information was received by the informant from the Technical Branch as well as from the Investigating Officer of Dhurwa P. S. Case No. 1 of 2026 that 4 persons were travelling to Latehar from Ranchi in a vehicle and some children for the purposes of trafficking were also with them. On this information, the vehicle was intercepted by the police at Sithio and the accused persons have disclosed that the children are at Kothar in Ramgarh and Balumath in Latehar. Two separate teams were constituted and raids were conducted after which 52 children were recovered.

Based on the aforesaid allegations, Dhurwa (Hatia) P. S. Case No. 8 of 2026 was instituted against the appellant and others.

4. It has been submitted by Mr. Jitesh Kumar, learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant has been implicated on the confession of Raj Rawani. He has further submitted that the appellant is in custody since 18.01.2026 and he does not have any criminal antecedent and the charge-sheet has already been submitted by the police.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant and has submitted that in course of investigation, several incriminating materials have been collected against the appellant. It has been submitted that prayer for bail of one of the co-accused namely, Pramod Kherwar has already been rejected by this court in Cr. Appeal (DB) Nos. 698 of 2026.

6. It appears from the perusal of the case diary that the recovery of the children from Kothar and Bariyatu were effected on the basis of the disclosure made by the accused persons who were apprehended from inside a vehicle which also included Pramod Kherwar and Raj Rawani, whose prayers for bail have already been rejected earlier. The appellant has been implicated on suspicion of being a member of the gang which was involved in stealing of children for getting them involved in begging and prostitution amongst other nefarious activities. The appellant is in custody for about 8 months and he does not have any criminal antecedent.

7. On consideration of the aforesaid facts, we while setting aside the order dated 09.07.2026 passed by the learned Additional Judicial Commissioner IV-cum-Special Judge, POCSO Act, Ranchi in connection with MCA No. 1523 of 2026, direct that the appellant above named be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Judicial Commissioner IV-cum-Special Judge, POCSO Act, Ranchi in connection with S. T. No. 348 of 2026 arising out of Dhurwa P. S. Case No. 8 of 2026, subject to the condition that the appellant shall remain physically present before the trial court on each

and every date till the conclusion of the trial, unless prevented by sufficient cause.

This appeal is allowed.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Arun Kumari Rai, J.)

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