IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 1328 of 2026

A/C Sagar Munda, aged about 25 years, S/o Debra Munda, resident of village- Kurunga, P.O.- Birbanki, P.S.- Arki, District- Khunti

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Versus

The State of Jharkhand --- --- **Respondent(s)**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAM SHARMA

For the Appellant(s) : Mr. Anil Kumar Ganjhu, Advocate
: Mr. Randhir Kumar Sharma, Advocate
: Ms. Priyanka Kumari, Advocate
For the Resp.-State : Mr. Pankaj Kumar, P.P.

02/27.10.2026 **I.A. No.14502 of 2026**

Heard Mr. Anil Kumar Ganjhu, learned counsel for the appellant and learned P.P. for the State.

This application has been preferred by the appellant for condoning a delay of 49 days in filing the appeal.

Having been satisfied with the reasons assigned in this application, the delay of 49 days which had occurred in filing this appeal is condoned and this I.A. is allowed and disposed of.

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This appeal is directed against the order dated 15.06.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Khunti in Misc. Cri. Application No. 289/2026 in connection with S.T. Case No.22/2020 arising out of Arki P.S. Case No.06 /2018, whereby and whereunder, the prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected.

It has been alleged that the accused persons were instigating the villagers to erect Pathalgarhi. The police were prevented from going inside the village, and the accused persons were alleged to be planning to raise slogan against the Government.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that the allegations are general and omnibus in nature and

considering the said fact one of the co-accused Motilal Singh Munda has been granted bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in Cr. Appeal (DB) No.956 of 2026. It has further been submitted that the appellant is in custody since 20.05.2026.

Learned A.P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

Regard being had to the generality of allegations levelled against the appellant and his case being similar to that of co-accused as noted above, we while setting aside the order dated 15.06.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Khunti in Misc. Cri. Application No. 289/2026 in connection with S.T. Case No.22/2020 arising out of Arki P.S. Case No.06 /2018, direct that the appellant 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 learned Additional Sessions Judge, Khunti in Misc. Cri. Application No. 289/2026 in connection with S.T. Case No.22/2020 arising out of Arki P.S. Case No.06 /2018, *subject to the condition that the appellant shall remain physically present before the learned 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)

(Ram Sharma, J)

Dated:27.10.2026
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