Neutral Citation No. (2026:JHHC:32988-DB)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (D.B.) No. 1353 of 2026

Aditya Kumar @ Kote … … Appellant

Versus

The State of Jharkhand … … Respondent

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

For the Appellant : Mr. Santosh Kumar Jha, Advocate
For the Respondent : Special P.P.

2/19.11.2026 I. A. No. 14034 of 2026:

Heard Mr. Santosh Kumar Jha, learned counsel appearing for the appellant and the learned Special P.P. appearing for the State.

This interlocutory application has been preferred by the appellant for condoning the delay of 79 days in filing this appeal.

Having been satisfied with the reasons assigned in this application, the same is allowed and the delay of 79 days in filing this appeal is hereby condoned.

I. A. No. 14034 of 2026 stands disposed of.

Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 1353 of 2026:

This appeal is directed against the order dated 20.05.2026 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Dhanbad in A. B. P. No. 858 of 2026 arising out of Putki P. S. Case No. 130 of 2025 whereby and whereunder the prayer for anticipatory bail of the appellant has been rejected.

It has been alleged that some unknown miscreants had thrown bombs at the work place of the informant causing panic amongst the workers of the company who were involved in the work of production of coal at Gopalichak colliery.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant has been implicated on the confessional statement of Dharamraj Yadav. He has further submitted that one of the co-accused person namely, Sudhir Kumar @ Sudhir Yadav has been

granted anticipatory bail by a coordinate Bench of this court in Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 954 of 2026.

Learned Special P.P. for the State though has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the appellant, but has not disputed the fact that the case of the present appellant stands on a similar footing to that of the co-accused noted above. It has further been submitted that in the impugned order, it has wrongly been mentioned that the appellant has one criminal antecedent, but on verification, the same appears to be an error of record as the appellant does not have any criminal antecedent.

Regard being had to the aforesaid facts, we while setting aside the order 20.05.2026 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Dhanbad in A. B. P. No. 858 of 2026, direct the appellant above named to surrender in the court below within four weeks and pray for bail, and in that event, he shall 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 Judicial Magistrate, Dhanbad in connection with Putki P. S. Case No. 130 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

This appeal is allowed.

Let the copy of the instruction received by the learned Special P.P. submitted at the bar be kept on record.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Ram Sharma, J.)

19th November 2026
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