IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (D.B.) No. 1251 of 2026

Akhilesh Yadav, S/o Santu Yadav @ Guli Yadav @ Santu Mahto,
R/o Village Hotai, PO-Asehar, PS-Panki, District- Palamau
.... Appellant(s)

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. Rajesh Kumar, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Subodh Kr. Dubey, A.P.P.

Order No.02 **Date: 26.10.2026**

1. Heard the learned counsel for the respective parties.

2. This appeal is directed against the order dated 05.08.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-II, Latehar in Misc. Cr. Application No. 573 of 2026 arising out of Latehar P.S. Case No. 284 of 2022 (S.T. No. 72 of 2026), whereby and whereunder, the prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected.

3. It has been alleged that there was an exchange of firing between the extremists and the police personnel and being outmaneuvered, the extremists had managed to flee away.

4. Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that the name of the appellant has transpired on the basis of the accused persons taking the name of each other while fleeing away. It has been submitted that in similar circumstances, some of the co-accused persons have been granted bail by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in Cr.

Appeal (DB) No. 93 of 2024, Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 775 of 2026 and Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 197 of 2026. Learned counsel adds that the appellant is in custody since 16.10.2025.

5. Learned counsel for the State though has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant but he has not disputed the fact that the case of the appellant is similar to several of the accused persons who have been granted bail.

6. Regard being had to the aforesaid facts, we while setting aside the order dated 05.08.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-II, Latehar in Misc. Cr. Application No. 573 of 2026 arising out of Latehar P.S. Case No. 284 of 2022 (S.T. No. 72 of 2026), direct that the appellant, named above, be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-II, Latehar in connection with S.T. No. 72 of 2026 arising out of Latehar P.S. Case No. 284 of 2022.

7. This criminal appeal is allowed.

(RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY, J.)

(RAM SHARMA, J.)

26th October, 2026
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