Neutral Citation No. (2026:JHHC:32280-DB)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Criminal Appeal (DB) No. 1350 of 2026

Manoj Choure ... Appellant

Versus

The State of Jharkhand … Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAM SHARMA

For the Appellant : Mr. S. Hamidul Haqe, Advocate

For the State : APP

Order No. 2 Dated 04th November, 2026

I.A. No. 14144 of 2026

Heard the learned counsel for the respective parties.

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

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

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Heard the learned counsel for the respective sides.

This appeal is directed against the order dated 13.08.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Dhanbad in MCA No. 1362 of 2026 arising out of Sessions Trial No. 410/2026 (Dhanbad GRPS Case No. 80 of 2026), whereby and whereunder, the prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected.

It has been alleged that on 16.03.2026 from Vaso Da Gama Express several children who were purportedly being trafficked were recovered.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant is said to have been taking the children to Karnataka for engaging them in a factory. It has been submitted that the appellant is in custody 17.03.2026 and the appellant does not have any criminal antecedent. One of the co-accused has been granted bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in Criminal Appeal (DB) No. 692 of 2026.

Learned APP has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

Regard being had to the period of custody undergone by the appellant and the fact that the minor children were recovered and one of the co-accused having been granted bail, as noted above, we while setting aside the order dated 13.08.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Dhanbad in MCA No. 1362 of 2026 arising out of Sessions Trial No. 410/2026 (Dhanbad GRPS Case No. 80 of 2026), direct the appellant to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like mount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Dhanbad in connection with Sessions Trial No. 410/2026 (Dhanbad GRPS Case No. 80 of 2026), 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.)

04.11.2026
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