IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (D.B.) No. 1386 of 2026

Meena Oraon, W/o Jodha Oraon R/o Vill-Khakhparta, P.O+P.S. – Lohardaga, Jharkhand. …… …… Appellant(s)

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Victim …… …… Respondent(s)

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

For the Appellant(s) : Mr. Rahul Dev, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Abhay Kr. Tiwari, A.P.P.

Order No.02 **Date: 28.10.2026**

1. Heard the learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. This appeal is directed against the order dated 21.08.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge, POCSO Act, Lohardaga in M.C.A. No. 339 of 2026 arising out of Lohardaga AHTU P.S. Case No. 01 of 2025, whereby and whereunder, the prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected.
3. It has been alleged that the appellant had allured the victim and had taken to her place where her son Anil Oraon had sexually assaulted the victim and had also forcibly married her.
4. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant that the main allegation has been levelled against the son of the appellant namely, Anil Oraon, who is said to have forcibly solemnized marriage with the victim and had also sexually exploited her. It has further been submitted that the appellant is in custody since 17.06.2025. Learned counsel adds that out of 16 charge-sheeted witnesses, 08 witnesses have been examined so far and the victim, who has been examined as P.W. 1, has not categorically specified any allegation against the appellant.
5. Learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

6. Regard being had to the evidence of P.W. 1 and the period of custody undergone by the appellant apart from the fact that the main allegation seems to be attributed to the son of the appellant namely, Anil Oraon, we while setting aside the order dated 21.08.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge, POCSO Act, Lohardaga in M.C.A. No. 339 of 2026 arising out of Lohardaga AHTU P.S. Case No. 01 of 2025, 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-I-cum-Special Judge, POCSO Act, Lohardaga in connection with Lohardaga AHTU P.S. Case No. 01 of 2025, 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 trial unless prevented by sufficient cause.

7. This criminal appeal stands allowed.

(RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY, J.)

(RAM SHARMA, J.)

28th October, 2026
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