Neutral Citation No. (2026:JHHC:32284-DB)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (DB) No. 1418 of 2026
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Chunnu Maraiya, aged about 25 years, son of Krishna Maraiya @ Krisna Madaiya, resident of Labri Sirish Tola, P.O. & P.S.- Barhait, District-Sahibganj ---- --- **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. Agnivesh, Advocate
For the Resp.-State : Mr. Pankaj Kumar, P.P.

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02/04.11.2026

Heard Mr. Agnivesh, learned counsel for the appellant and learned P.P. for the State.

This appeal is directed against the order dated 16.09.2026 passed in B.P. No.272 of 2026 arising out of Barhait P. S. Case No.11 of 2025 by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Sahibganj, whereby and whereunder, the prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected.

It has been alleged that the daughter of the informant was enticed away by the appellant and taken to Delhi and despite repeated assurances, she was not brought back by the appellant.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that the victim was recovered from Sirsa at Haryana as she had boarded a wrong train at Delhi and she had disclosed that it was one Mukesh, who had solemnized marriage with her and committed rape upon her as well. It has been submitted that so far as the appellant is concerned, the victim has stated that she was engaged by the appellant at various places as a domestic help and while trying to come back to her state, she had boarded a wrong train at Delhi and ultimately, she ended up at Sisra in the State of Haryana. Learned counsel adds that the appellant is in custody since 29.04.2026.

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

Regard being had to the statement of the victim as recorded in para-24 of the case diary, which finds place in the impugned order dated 16.09.2026 and the fact that it was co-accused Mukesh, who had sexually exploited her, we while setting aside the order dated 16.09.2026 passed in B.P. No.272 of 2026 arising out of Barhait P. S. Case No.11 of 2025 by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Sahibganj, 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-I, Sahibganj in connection with Barhait P.S. Case No.11 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 the trial.*

This appeal is **allowed**.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J)

(Ram Sharma, J)

Dated:04.11.2026
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