Neutral Citation No. (2026:JHHC:33616-DB)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (D.B.) No. 1459 of 2026

Randey Devi @ Randey Nag, W/o Lakhan Pahan, R/o Village- Chamdih, P.O.- Bhandra, P.S.- Khunti, District- Khunti (Jharkhand) ... ... **Appellant**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ... ... **Respondent**

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

For the Appellant : Mr. Ritesh Kumar, Adv.
For the State : P.P.

02/26.11.2026 Heard Mr. Ritesh Kumar, learned counsel for the appellant and learned P.P. for the State.

This appeal is directed against the order dated 17.09.2026 passed by the learned District & Additional Sessions Judge-I, Khunti in B.P. No. 165/2026, arising out of Khunti (AHTU) P.S. Case No. 06 of 2025, whereby and whereunder, the prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected.

It has been alleged that in the year 2014 the appellant had taken away the victim to Punjab on the pretext of providing her with a good job and she was got employed in the house of one Harpik Bedi where she worked for eighteen months. It has been alleged that thereafter the appellant had taken her to a placement agency of Shyam Kumar who had subsequently engaged her at various places as a domestic help. It has been alleged that in the year 2023 the victim had returned back to her village and it is the grievance that her salary was not disbursed to her.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant has been attributed to have taken away the victim to Punjab at the initial stage and subsequently whatever allegations have

been levelled the same are against the co-accused Shyam Kumar in whose placement agency the victim was kept by the appellant. It has been submitted that the main dispute is with respect to non-payment of the salary. Learned counsel submits that even though the victim has come back to her village in the year 2023 but the case was lodged in the year 2025. Learned counsel adds that the appellant is in custody since 14.07.2026.

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

Regard being had to the fact that the victim has returned back to her house and the allegation of taking away the victim and employing her as a domestic help in Punjab is of the year 2014 and there being subsequent allegation against co-accused Shyam Kumar, we while setting aside the order dated 17.09.2026 passed by the learned District & Additional Sessions Judge-I, Khunti in B.P. No. 165/2026, arising out of Khunti (AHTU) P.S. Case No. 06 of 2025, direct that the appellant be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Khunti in connection with Khunti (AHTU) P.S. Case No. 06 of 2025.

This appeal stands allowed.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

(Ram Sharma, J.)

Dated, the 26th November, 2026
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