IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (D.B.) No. 1430 of 2026

Nilmuni Murmu @ Nilmuni Devi, w/o Late Raja Hansda, R/o Village-Dakaita, P.O. & P.S. Lalmatiya District Godda.

.... 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. Kumar Harsh, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Rajesh Kumar, P.P.

Order No.04 **Date: 19.11.2026**

1. Heard the learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. This appeal is directed against the order dated 24.09.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Sahibganj in connection with A.B.P. No. 476 of 2026 arising out of Mirzachowki P.S. Case No. 37 of 2025, whereby and whereunder, the prayer for anticipatory bail of the appellant has been rejected.
3. It has been alleged that a secret information was received that one Surya Hansda was running an organisation named Santhal Liberation Army with a purpose for carving out Santhal Paragana as a separate State and as a consequence of which, he had assimilated a huge quantity of illegal firearms. It has also been alleged that the said Surya Hansda was in contact with one Rohit Murmu of Assam Liberation Front and on receiving such information, a raid was conducted in the house of Fagumal Pahariya from where Fagumal Pahariya and Mangal Marandi were apprehended who had disclosed about the plan of Surya Hansda.
4. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant is a 70 year old woman, who happens to be the mother of Surya Hansda and that is the primary reason for

making her an accused in the case. It has been submitted that Mangal Marandi and Fagumal Pahariya as well as Pradhan Chota Baburam Mal Paharia had confessed and had taken the name of the appellant. It has been submitted that apart from the present case, the appellant has two criminal cases instituted against her, post the institution of Mirzachowki P.S. Case No. 37 of 2025.

5. Learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the appellant and while referring to the case diary, has accepted the fact that the only incriminating material against the appellant is the confessional statement of the three apprehended accused persons.

6. On consideration of the dearth of evidence against the appellant, we while setting aside the order dated 24.09.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Sahibganj in A.B.P. No. 476 of 2026 arising out of Mirzachowki P.S. Case No. 37 of 2025, direct that the appellant, named above, to surrender before the learned trial court within a period of four weeks and on her surrender, she shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned S.D.J.M., Sahibganj in connection with Mirzachowki P.S. Case No. 37 of 2025.

7. This appeal is allowed.

(RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY, J.)

(RAM SHARMA, J.)

19th November, 2026
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