IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 11756 of 2025

Manish Kataria, aged about 44 years, son of Shri Shubhas Chandra Kataria, resident of Gr. 109, Soudagar Mohalla, near Shyam Street, P.O. & P.S. Ramgarh, District Ramgarh.

....**Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ....**Opp. Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Petitioner : Mr. B.M. Tripathi, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Nawak Kishor Pandey, Advocate
For the Opp. Party : Mr. Subodh Kr. Dubey, A.P.P.

03/ 19.02.2026 Heard learned counsels for the parties.

2. The instant bail application has been preferred by the petitioner for grant of regular bail for the offences registered under Sections 305, 331(4), 3(5) of BNS, 2023.

3. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is innocent and has not committed any offence as alleged in the FIR. Learned senior counsel further submits that the FIR was registered against the unknown persons and the name of petitioner appears only on the basis of confessional statement of one co-accused, namely, Juju Aadivasi. Learned senior counsel further submits that charge-sheet has already been submitted and two prosecution witnesses have also been examined but they have not made any statement against the petitioner. Learned counsel further submits that co-accused namely, Roshan Kumar has been granted bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 10.09.2025 in B.A. No. 6298 of 2025. He further submits that petitioner is languishing in custody since 13.04.2025; as such, the petitioner may be enlarged on bail. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is ready to abide by every condition imposed by this court.

4. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

5. Having regard to the facts of the case and looking the period of custody and further the fact that co-accused has been granted bail; I am inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of Shri Abhishek Srivastava, Judicial Magistrate, Ranchi in connection with Sadar P.S. Case No. 56 of 2025.

6. It is made clear that the petitioner shall appear on each and every date before the learned trial court and if any adverse report will come against the petitioner, learned trial court shall be at liberty to cancel the bail of the petitioner.

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

19th February, 2026

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