IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. Appeal (D.B.) No. 1264 of 2026

Shrawan Gope, S/o Ramnath Gope, R/o Village + PO-Kaliga, PS-Gumla, District-Gumla, …… …… 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. Ajeet Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Anup Pawan Topno, A.P.P.

Order No.02 **Date: 05.10.2026**

Heard the learned counsel for the respective parties.

This appeal is directed against the order dated 12.08.2026 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Gumla in B.P. No. 441 of 2026 arising out of Bishunpur P.S. Case No. 33 of 2025, whereby and whereunder, the prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected.

It has been alleged that there was an exchange of firing between the police personnel and the extremists as a result of which, three of the extremists had died.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the appellant that only on the basis of suspicion, the appellant has been named in the first information report. It has been submitted that though the appellant has criminal antecedents but in all cases, he is on bail. It has further been submitted that the appellant is in custody since 21.05.2026.

Learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail of the appellant.

On perusal of the first information report, it does appear that the appellant has been implicated only on the basis of suspicion and even there is nothing in the first information report to suggest that the appellant was identified by the extremist.

On consideration of the aforesaid facts, we while setting aside the order dated 12.08.2026 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Gumla in B.P. No. 441 of 2026 arising out of Bishunpur P.S. Case No. 33 of 2025, direct the appellant, named above, to 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 Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Gumla in connection with Bishunpur P.S. Case No. 33 of 2025 arising out of G.R. No. 347 of 2026, 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.

This criminal appeal is allowed.

(RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY, J.)

(RAM SHARMA, J.)

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