

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(arising out of SLP(Crl.) No. 16940/2025)

CHANDAN KUMAR RAVIDAS @ CHANDAN KUMAR APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF JHARKHAND RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. This appeal arises out of the order dated 09.06.2025 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi in Criminal Revision No. 1060/2024. By the said order, a learned Judge granted bail to the appellant, Chandan Kumar Ravidas @ Chandan Kumar, in relation to P.S. Case/First Information Report (FIR) No. 263/2023 dated 21.11.2023 registered with Police Station - Mahagama, District - Godda, Jharkhand, for the offence punishable under Section 366A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, subject to certain conditions. The conditions, as set out in paragraph 12 of the impugned order, read as under: -

“12. Under the circumstances and also considering the custody of the Juvenile petitioner and also considering the statement of the Victim girl recorded

under section 164 Cr.P.C, the juvenile petitioner- Chandan Kumar Ravidas @ Chandan Kumar is directed to be released on bail in care and supervision of his elder brother namely, Baban Kumar Ravidas on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned In-charge Principal Magistrate of the Juvenile Justice Board, Godda in connection with G.R. No.1744 of 2024, arising out of Mahagama P.S Case No.263 of 2024, subject to the condition that the guardian of the petitioner will pay a sum of Rs.1,50,000/- to the O.P. No.2 by way of victim compensation and also that the brother of the petitioner namely, Baban Kumar Ravidas must file an Undertaking before the learned Court below that the juvenile petitioner will not get indulged in such type of crime in future again, otherwise prosecution will be at liberty to take steps for cancellation of his bail and the brother of the juvenile-petitioner will submit his mobile number before the learned Court below, which he will always keep active and will not change it, during the pendency of this case, without prior permission of the Court and shall produce the juvenile-petitioner as and when required."

3. Some of the aforestated conditions are the cause for grievance

in this appeal. Those conditions are that the guardian of the petitioner will pay a sum of Rs.1,50,000/- to the victim by way of compensation and also that the brother of the petitioner namely, Baban Kumar Ravidas must file an undertaking before the Court below that the juvenile petitioner would not indulge in such crimes in future again, otherwise the prosecution would be at liberty to take steps for cancellation of his bail and that the brother of the juvenile-petitioner would submit his mobile number before the Court below, which he would always keep active and would not change it, during the pendency of this case, without prior permission of the Court and would produce the juvenile-petitioner as and when required.

4. The present appeal was filed in the name of the juvenile supported by an affidavit of his elder brother, Baban Kumar Ravidas, who was his guardian at that point of time. By order dated 16.10.2025, this Court suspended the impugned conditions imposed by the High Court.
5. Thereafter, taking note of the fact that the father of the victim, who was arrayed as O.P. No. 2 before the High Court, was heard by the High Court but had not been impleaded in this appeal, the learned counsel for the appellant was asked to take necessary steps in that regard.
6. I.A. No. 68473/2026 was thereupon filed, to implead the father of the victim. Despite service of notice upon the father of the victim, he has not chosen to enter appearance before this

Court. The impleadment application is ordered and the proposed respondent is brought on record as respondent No. 2.

7. Having heard the learned counsel for the appearing parties, we are of the opinion that the High Court was not justified in imposing conditions upon the guardian of the juvenile for grant of relief, on the ground that he was a juvenile. Further, no cause was made out for grant of victim compensation at that stage, that is, during the pendency of the proceedings.
8. In the event of any violation of the other bail conditions apart from what have been impugned, it would always be open to the State or the newly impleaded respondent No. 2 to seek cancellation of bail.
9. Leaving it open to them to take recourse to such measures, if warranted, the appeal is allowed, setting aside the impugned conditions imposed by the High Court, as set out above.
10. Pending application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

.....J.
(SANJAY KUMAR)

.....J.
(SANJEEV SACHDEVA)

NEW DELHI;
JULY 22, 2026.

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 16940/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 09-06-2025 in CRR No. 1060/2024 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

CHANDAN KUMAR RAVIDAS @ CHANDAN KUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF JHARKHAND

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 259242/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 259243/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. AND IA No. 68473/2026 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

Date : 22-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV SACHDEVA

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UPON hearing the counsel, the Court made the following
O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed, in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

(DEEPAK GUGLANI)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(PREETI SAXENA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(signed order is placed on the file)