

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI  
**Cr. Appeal (D.B.) No.717 of 2023**

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Nooriya Kerai, S/o Late Rauriya Kerai,  
R/o Village Betarkiya, P.O. and P.S. Gua,  
District Singhbhum West, Jharkhand ... **Appellant(s).**  
Versus  
The State of Jharkhand ... **Respondent(s).**  
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**CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.**  
**SRI GAUTAM KUMAR CHOUDHARY, J.**  
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For the Appellant(s) : Mr. Apurv, Advocate  
Mrs. Moushmi Chatterjee, Advocate  
For the State : Mrs. Anuradha Sahay, A.P.P.  
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07 /30.07.2024: **I.A. No.7516 of 2024**

This interlocutory application has been filed by the appellant, praying therein to suspend the sentence and release him on bail during the pendency of this appeal.

2. The appellant has been convicted for the offence under Section 302 of IPC in connection with Session Trial No.166 of 2014. He has been sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life with a fine of Rs.20,000/- for the offence under Section 302 of IPC.

3. Heard, learned counsel for the appellant and learned A.P.P. for the State and have gone through the impugned judgment, the evidence and the Trial Court Records.

4. Opportunity was given to the State to oppose the bail, which the State availed and opposed.

5. Appellant is languishing in custody for more than ten years. This case is based on circumstantial evidence.

6. Considering the period of custody and the fact that this appeal is not likely to be taken up for final hearing in near future, we are inclined to allow this Interlocutory application. Accordingly, upon suspending the sentence, the appellant, namely, Nooriya Kerai is directed to be released on bail during the pendency of this appeal, on furnishing bail bonds of

Rs.10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Sessions Judge-II, West Singhbhum at Chaibasa, in connection with Session Trial No.166 of 2014 with a condition that the appellant shall appear and mark his attendance before the Registrar, Civil Court, West Singhbhum at Chaibasa, once in every four months till the disposal of this appeal.

7. I.A. No.7516 of 2024 stands allowed.

**(ANANDA SEN, J.)**

**(GAUTAM KUMAR CHOUDHARY, J.)**

R.S.