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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 1462 of 2026

Rahul Ratre S/o Lt. Shekhar Ratre Aged About 20 Years R/o Village-
Khauli, P.S. - Kharora. District - Raipur (C.G.) **... Applicant**

versus

State of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer Of Police Station -
Mandir Hasaud, District - Raipur (C.G.) **... Respondent**

For the applicant	:	Mr. Y.C. Sharma, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Sachin Nidhi, Advocate
For the State	:	Dr.(Smt.) Richa pandey, Panel Lawyer

(Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal)

Order on Board

26.02.2026

1. This is first bail application filed under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant in Crime No. 213/2025 registered at Police Station Mandir Hasaud, District Raipur (CG) for the offences under Sections 137(2), 87, 65(1) of BNS and Section 5(j)(l)/6 of the POCSO Act.

2. As per the prosecution case, on 30.05.2025, the father of prosecutrix had informed to the Police Station that his minor daughter aged about 16 years left the house and did not return to home, on which, FIR has been registered. During investigation, the victim was recovered and her statement was recorded wherein it was revealed that the applicant had allured and taken her away to Pune (Maharashtra) and after marrying her in Mandir, he committed forcible sexual intercourse on multiple occasions.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that it is clear from the victim's court statement that she had voluntarily accompanied the applicant, visited with him from one place to another and she had performed marriage with the applicant at a Mandir and resided with him as wife and husband, therefore, she was consenting party. He further submits that in her statement recorded u/s 183 BNSS, the victim has entirely denied the prosecution case. He next submits that though the age of prosecutrix is shown to be minor, but the evidence of her correct age has not been proved. He submits that the applicant is in jail since 10.12.2025; till date out of a total 16 witnesses, only 2 have been examined and there is no immediate possibility of disposal of case, therefore, he may be enlarged on bail.

4. Per contra, learned State Counsel opposes the bail application and submits that the victim was minor and in her court statement, the victim has supported the case of prosecution.

5. The victim along with her mother appears in person before this Court and expressed **no-objection** to granting bail.

6. Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and further looking to the court statement of the victim and her mother as also the fact that the conclusion of trial is likely to take time, I am inclined to release the applicant on regular bail.

7. Accordingly, this bail application is allowed and the applicant is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the trial Court for his appearance before the said Court as and when directed in that behalf.

Cc as per rules.

Sd/-
(Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal)
Judge

Rao