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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 2665 of 2026

Karan @ Karn Kumar Sahu S/o Sukhdev Sahu Aged About 28 Years R/o Village Ruse, Police Station Pandatarai District Kabirdham (C.G.)

... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Police Station Pandatarai District Kabirdham (C.G.)

... Respondent

For Applicant	:	Mr. S.P. Sahu, Adv.
For Respondent/State	:	Ms. Binu Sharma, P.L.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal

Order On Board

01/04/2026

1. The victim and her father appeared virtually and recorded 'no objection' in granting bail the applicant.
2. The applicant has preferred this 1st bail application under Section 483 of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita Act 2023 for grant of regular bail as he is arrested in connection with crime No. 154/2025, registered at Police Station – Pandatarai, District- Kabirdham (C.G.) for offence punishable under Sections 74 of BNS and Section 8 of the POCSO Act, 2012.
3. The prosecution case, in short, is that on 15.10.2025 at about 9:30 AM when the victim who was aged about 12-13 years went to her friend's house, the applicant was also came there and pressed her chest with



intention to outrage her modesty. Based on above, offence has been registered against the applicant and he was arrested on 15.10.2025.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the crime in question. He further submits that the victim and her father have been examined before the Trial Court and they have been turned hostile. The applicant is in jail since 15.10.2025, out of 9 prosecution witnesses, 5 have been examined till date and the trial is likely to take time to be finalized, therefore, it is prayed that the applicant may be enlarged on bail.
5. Per contra, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the State opposes the bail application and submits that at the time of incident, the victim was minor, therefore, looking to the nature of offence, the applicant may not be released on bail.
6. I have heard learned Counsel appearing for the parties and perused the material available on record.
7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, evidence collected by the prosecution, detention period of the applicant, no objection on the side of victim and looking to the Court statements of victim and her father, further considering that the trial is likely to take some time to be finalized, without commenting on merits of the case, I am inclined to release the applicant on bail.
8. Accordingly, the bail application is **Allowed**.
9. It is directed that the applicant shall be released on bail on executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs. 20,000/- with one solvent surety for the like sum to the satisfaction of the Trial Court for his appearance before the said Court as and when directed.

Sd/-
(Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal)
Judge