

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No. 2334 of 2026

Sonu Kumar, S/o Ravindra Ram @ Kallu, R/o Ambedkar Nagar, Bhuli,
 PS- Bankmore (Bhuli O.P.), District- Dhanbad.

... ... **Petitioner**
 Versus
 The State of Jharkhand. **Opp. Party**

CORAM :HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Sandip Barnwal, Advocate
 For the State : Mr. Someshwar Ray, APP

02/28.04.2026

Heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 04.08.2025 in connection with Bankmore (Bhuli O.P.) P.S. Case No.188 of 2025 (Special POCSO Case No.134 of 2025) for the offences registered under Sections 87 / 137(2) of the B.N.S. 2023 and the case is pending in the court of learned Special Judge POCSO Act, Dhanbad.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. He further submits that the statement of the victim/ girl has been recorded under Section 183 of the BNSS, 2023, wherein, she has stated that her age is 22 years. She has also stated that she has herself eloped with the petitioner as her step-father was not treating her well and had bad eyes on her.

4. Learned counsel for the opposite party-State has opposed the prayer and has submitted that as per the secondary examination certificate, her date of birth is mentioned as 01.01.2009.

5. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances and the statement of the victim , the petitioner above named is directed to be enlarged on bail on his furnishing bail bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge POCSO Act, Dhanbad, in connection with Bankmore (Bhuli O.P.) P.S. Case No.188 of 2025 (Special POCSO Case No.134 of 2025) on the following conditions:

(i) One of the bailors would be the present *pairvikar* of the

petitioner.

- (ii) The another bailor should be his close relative.
- (iii) The petitioner will attend the court on each and every date and on account of his single default, the learned court shall cancel the bail bond furnished by the petitioner.
- (iv) The petitioner will deposit a self-attested copy of his Aadhar Card along with his mobile number before the learned court which he will not change during the pendency of the case without prior permission of the court.
- (v) The petitioner shall fully co-operate with the proceedings before the learned court below.

6. Let this order along with a copy of the affidavit filed with the bail petition be communicated to the court concerned through FAX/e-mail.

7. The instant bail application is allowed with the aforesaid conditions.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

Dated: 28.04.2026.

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