

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Revision No. 356 of 2026

Abhishek Anand represented through his father and natural guardian
Ramlal Mandal @ Ram Lal Mandal Petitioner
Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opposite parties

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Rahul Ranjan, Advocate
For the Opposite party : A.P.P.

2/06.05.2026 Heard Mr. Rahul Ranjan, learned counsel appearing for the
petitioner and the learned A.P.P. appearing for the State.

This application has been directed against the order dated
05.01.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge 1st cum
Children Court, Deoghar in Criminal (Juvenile Bail) Appeal No. 40 of
2025 whereby and whereunder the order dated 28.11.2025 passed by the
learned Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Deoghar in
connection with Enquiry No. 227 of 2025 arising out of Jasidih P. S. Case
No. 217 of 2025 rejecting the prayer for bail of the petitioner has been
affirmed.

Submission has been advanced by the learned counsel for the
petitioner that initially there was no allegation that the petitioner has
established physical relationship with the victim, but subsequently in her
statement recorded under Section 180 B.N.S.S., the victim has stated that
on the allurement of marriage, the petitioner had established physical
relationship with her on several occasion. He has further submitted that
the petitioner is in observation home since 27.08.2025. It has also been
submitted that social investigation report is not adverse to the cause of
the petitioner.

Learned A.P.P. for the State has opposed the prayer for bail of the
petitioner.

The allegation reveals that the daughter of the informant did not return from college and in course of search, it was detected that she was seen with the present petitioner and on a search conducted, the petitioner could not be located. Subsequently, when the petitioner was confronted, he had disclosed that the daughter of the petitioner is at Andal Station after which the informant went to Andal Station and brought back the victim. It appears from the statement of the victim recorded under Section 180 of B.N.S.S. which is reflected in the impugned appellate court judgment that on the pretext of marriage, the petitioner had established physical relationship with her on several occasions. The petitioner as has been noted above is in custody since 27.08.2025. Nothing adverse has been stated as to the family background or the conduct of the petitioner in the social investigation report.

Regard being had to the above, while setting aside the order dated 05.01.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge 1st cum Children Court, Deoghar in Criminal (Juvenile Bail) Appeal No. 40 of 2025 and the order dated 28.11.2025 passed by the learned Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Deoghar in connection with Enquiry No. 227 of 2025 arising out of Jasidih P. S. Case No. 217 of 2025 the petitioner above named is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of the learned Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Deoghar in connection with Jasidih P. S. Case No. 217 of 2025, subject to the condition that one of the bailors should be the father of the petitioner who shall ensure the safety of the petitioner and shall further ensure that he shall not mingle with anti-social elements.

This criminal revision is allowed.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J)