

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 2390 of 2026

Sujan Mandal @ Sujan Kumar Mandal, Son of Sachin Mandal

... .. **Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

... .. **Opp. Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner	: Mr. Gautam Kumar, Advocate
For the Opp. Party	: Ms. Mahua Palit, Advocate
For the Victim	: Mr. Arvind Kumar Choudhary, Adv.

04/12th May 2026

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody in connection with Pakur (Mahila) P.S. Case No. 03/2026 for the offence registered under Sections 64, 96, 126(2), 127(2), 351(2), 3(5) of BNS and Section 4, 8 of POCSO Act, now said to have been pending in the court of learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Pakur-cum-Special Judge (POCSO), Pakur.
2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the victim has submitted that the victim wants to live with the petitioner and now she is 18 years of age.
3. To this, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is ready to keep the victim. However, the charge has been framed under Section 85 of BNS, Section 3/4 of Dowry Prohibition Act and Section 9 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act.
4. Learned counsel for the parties have submitted that the matter may be sent for mediation.
5. Considering the aforesaid submission, the petitioner and the victim along with their parents shall appear before the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority at Pakur on 21st May 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
6. To this, the learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner may be enlarged on provisional bail.

7. Considering the aforesaid submission, the petitioner is directed to be enlarged on provisional bail till 10th June 2026 on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rs. Twenty-Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Pakur-cum-Special Judge (POCSO), Pakur in connection with Pakur (Mahila) P.S. Case No. 03/2026, subject to the following conditions: -

- (i) One of the bailors would be the present *pairvikar* of the petitioner.
- (ii) The other bailor should be his close relative.
- (iii) The petitioner would deposit a self-attested copy of his Aadhar Card along with his Mobile Number before the learned court below, which he shall not change without prior permission of the court.

8. The mediation report be forwarded to this Court latest by 30.05.2026.

9. Post this case on 08th June 2026.

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

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

Dated: 12.05.2026

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