

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**B.A. No. 3726 of 2026**

Rameshwar Gope, son of Sri Devnath Gope.

... .. **Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

... ..

Opposite Party

CORAM :HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Mandeo Bhagat, Advocate

For the Opp. Party : Mrs. Ruby Pandey, APP

04/04.05.2026

Heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 19.02.2025 in connection with Itki P.S. Case No.12 of 2025 and Spl. POCSO Case No.45/2025, registered under Sections 137 (1) 64 of BNS 2023 and 7/8 of POCSO Act 2012, and cognizance has been taken under Section 137 (1) 64 (2m) of BNS and 4/6 of POCSO Act and charge has been framed under Sections 137 (2), 64 (2) (m) 65 (1) of BNS and under Section 4 (2), 6 POCSO Act, now pending in the court of learned Special Judge POCSO, AJC – IV, Ranchi.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the victim was 15 years of age and the petitioner is 22 years of age and the victim was taken away by the petitioner to Chennai. He submits that it is a case of love affair, and therefore, the petitioner may be enlarged on bail.

4. The learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer and submitted that as per the records, 4 witnesses have already been examined, who have supported the prosecution case.

5. To this, the learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that further one more witness has been examined.

6. After hearing the learned counsels for the parties and considering the fact that there is direct allegation against the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. However, the State is directed to ensure that the remaining witnesses

are promptly produced before the court.

7. This bail application is rejected.

8. The learned counsel for the State is directed to communicate this order to the Superintendent of Police of the concerned district and also the Director, Prosecution to ensure compliance.

9. Let a copy of this order be communicated to the learned court concerned through “FAX/email”.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

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