

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**B.A. No. 3291 of 2026**

Raju Paswan, aged about 24 years, s/o. Awadhesh Paswan, R/o. village Kariwadih, P.O.+P.S. Kharaundhi, Dist. Garhwa (Jharkhand).

....Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

....Opp. Party**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN**

For the Petitioner : Mr. L.C.N. Shahdeo, Advocate

Mr. Yash Raj Gupta, Advocate

For the Opp. Party : Mr. Naveen Kumar Ganjhu, A.P.P.

02/ 24.04.2026 Heard the parties.

2. The instant bail application has been preferred by the petitioner for grant of regular bail for the offences registered under Sections 65(1)/74/75(3)/351(2) of B.N.S., 2023, u/s. 4/6 of the POCSO Act and u/s. 67(A)/ 67(B) of the I.T. Act and charge framed vide order dated 12.02.2025 u/s. 72/74/75(2)(3)/351(2)/3(5) of B.N.S., 2023, u/s. 8/12 of the POCSO Act and u/s. 67 of the I.T. Act
3. Earlier, the prayer for bail of the petitioner has been rejected by this Court vide order dated 25.09.2025, passed in B.A. No. 8535 of 2025. By way of present application, the petitioner has renewed his prayer.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation levelled against him in the FIR are false and baseless. He further submits that three named accused persons namely, Rahul Ram, Manjeet Rajak and Subhash Singh have already been acquitted by learned Trial Court vide its judgment dated 27.01.2026. Learned counsel further submits that PW-7 (Medical Officer) has opined that there was no proof of sexual intercourse and also no injury was found on the victim's body. He further submits that petitioner is languishing in custody since 13.10.2024; as such, the petitioner may be enlarged on bail. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is ready to abide by every condition imposed by this court.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for bail of the petitioner.
6. Having regard to the deposition of the victim, coupled with the fact that some of the co-accused persons, have been acquitted by the learned Trial Court and also looking to the period of custody of the petitioner; I am inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge, POCSO Court at Garhwa in connection with Ketar P.S. Case No. 62 of 2024 corresponding to POCSO Case No. 122 of 2024.
7. It is made clear that one of the bailors must be either mother or father of the petitioner and the mobile numbers of the said bailor and petitioner shall be given to the concerned Police Station. It is made clear that the petitioner shall appear on each and every date before the learned trial court and if any adverse report will come against the petitioner, learned trial court shall be at liberty to cancel the bail of the petitioner.

(Deepak Roshan, J.)

24th April, 2026

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