

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 3518 of 2026

Anil Kumar Rana @ Anil Kumar, son of Ramsuraj Rana
... .. Petitioner
Versus
The State of Jharkhand Opp. Party

CORAM: HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Anshuman, Advocate
Ms. Ragini Ojha, Advocate
For the Opp. Party :

04/28th April 2026

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 15.09.2025 in connection with Lokainayanpur P.S. Case No. 10/2025 for the offence registered under Section 65(1)/351(3) of BNS and Section 4/6 of POCSO Act, now said to have been pending in the court of learned Special Judge, POCSO Act, Giridih.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that he has raped the minor daughter of the informant aged 13 years in jungle and thereafter the brother-in-law of the petitioner left the victim near home on next date in the morning. The learned counsel submits that the FIR has been lodged after 36 hours from the time of occurrence. He submits that the charge has already been framed, for last two dates, no prosecution witness has been produced. He submits that the petitioner is a student.
3. Nobody appears on behalf of the State.
4. After hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner and considering the direct allegation levelled against the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Hence, this bail application is rejected.

5. It has been mentioned in the impugned order itself that the statement of victim has been recorded under Section 183 of BNSS where she had supported the prosecution case that the petitioner has committed raped with her after taking her away to jungle forcefully.
6. However, there can be no reason for non-production of the witnesses by the prosecution.
7. At this, the learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that tomorrow i.e. 29.04.2026 is the date fixed before the learned court.
8. The State is directed to ensure prompt production of the witnesses before the learned court and if possible, tomorrow i.e. 29.04.2026 also.
9. Office is directed to communicate a soft copy of this order to the office of learned Advocate General, so that the order is immediately communicated to the Director, Prosecution as well as Superintendent of Police of the concerned district to ensure compliance.
10. Let a copy of this order be communicated to the court concerned through 'e-mail/FAX'.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

Dated: 28.04.2026

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