

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 3760 of 2026

Punam Chand @ Punam Chand Kansaykar, aged about 46 years, S/o Ramnath Prasad, R/o village – Pathak Muhalla Garhwa, PO and PS – Garhwa, District – Garhwa

.... Petitioner

-- Versus --

1. The State of Jharkhand

2. X (Victim)

.... Opposite Parties

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :- Mr. Sheo Kr. Singh, Advocate

For the State :- Mr. Suraj Deo Munda, Advocate

02/13.07.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as the learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Garhwa P.S. Case No.239 of 2026 for the alleged offences registered under Sections 292, 223, 318(4), 336(3), 340(2), 238, 61(2) and 338 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Sections 3, 4 and 7 of Immoral Act, Sections 4, 6, 17 and 21 of POCSO Act and Section 3(2)(v) of Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe (POA) Act pending in the Court of learned Special Judge, POCSO Court, Garhwa.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and the petitioner happened to be owner of RDS Hotel. He further submits that if any immoral traffic act has been done in the hotel that was

done by another person and the petitioner is having no knowledge. He then submits that gym facilities are also there in the said hotel. On these grounds, he submits that anticipatory bail may kindly be granted.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposes the prayer and submits that serious allegations are there of providing rooms to innocent children that too of tender age and in view of that anticipatory bail may kindly be rejected.

5. It transpires that in the investigation it has been confirmed that owners, managers and staff of Hotels SNC, RDS and Tiwari Inn are engaged in illegal prostitution by keeping boys and girls in the hotel to earn money through illegal means and minor children are also sexually exploited there. False entries are made in the hotel register and rooms are booked without entries to conceal facts. Names and addresses are also concealed. Petitioner is said to be owner of the said RDS hotel and it is unbelievable that petitioner is not knowing about the said illegal act in the hotel.

6. In the attending facts and circumstances, I am not inclined to grant privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, hence, the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner is hereby rejected.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

*Dated 13.07.2026
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