

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 5003 of 2026

Sonu Singh, aged about 25 years, S/o Ramsavarath Singh
... .. **Petitioner**
Versus
The State of Jharkhand **Opposite Party**

CORAM :HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Vishnu Prabhakar Pathak, Advocate
For the Opp. Party-State : Mr. Naveen Kr. Gaunjhu, Advocate

03/15.06.2026

1. Heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 22.09.2025 in connection with Chandwa P.S. Case No. 137 of 2024 relating to Spl. POCSO Case No. 56 of 2025, for the alleged offence registered under Sections 96 of the BNS and Section 8 and 12 of the POCSO Act and charge has been framed under Section 96, 64(2)(m) of BNS and Section 8 and 12 of the POCSO Act pending in the court of learned Spl. Judge POCSO, Latehar.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. The victim was more than 17 years and as per the allegation she had gone with the present petitioner, who is 25 years of age. He further submits that the victim has turned hostile before the trial court although, she has stated that she had become pregnant. Learned counsel has also submitted that no steps have been taken for DNA test.
4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the opposite party-State has opposed the prayer. However, the fact that the victim has turned hostile is not in dispute.
5. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and considering the custody of the petitioner since 22.09.2025 and the victim has turned hostile, the petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rs. Twenty five

thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Spl. Judge POCSO, Latehar in connection with Chandwa P.S. Case No. 137 of 2024 on 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 will attend the court on each and every date and on account of his single default, the learned court shall cancel the bail bond furnished by the petitioner.
- (iv) The petitioner will deposit a self-attested copy of his Aadhar Card along with his mobile number before the learned court which he will not change during the pendency of the case without prior permission of the court.
- (v) The petitioner shall fully co-operate with the proceedings before the learned court below.

6. The instant bail application is allowed with the aforesaid conditions.

7. 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 'FAX/E-mail'.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

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