

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No. 4861 of 2026**

Utamjay Prasad **Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand **Opposite Party**

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RONGON MUKHOPADHYAY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Sanjay Kr. Pandey No. 2, Adv.

For the State : A.P.P.

02/04.06.2026 Heard Mr. Sanjay Kr. Pandey No. 2, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P. for the State.

The petitioner is an accused in POCSO No. 114 of 2025, arising out of Ramkanda P.S. Case No. 33 of 2025.

The petitioner had taken the informant to Pune where physical relationship was established. It has been alleged that after two months the informant was brought back to her village where they were separated socially. The petitioner had once again taken the informant to Goa and returned the informant to her village after a considerable time.

It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that there was a love affair between the petitioner and the informant which is apparent on a plain reading of the First Information Report. Learned counsel has also referred to the evidence of the informant who has been examined as P.W.1 while submitting that the tenor of her evidence suggests of a love affair. Learned counsel adds that the petitioner is in custody since 19.09.2025.

Learned A.P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

Regard being had to the contents of the First Information Report and the evidence of the victim as P.W.1 which clearly suggests of a love affair existing between the petitioner and the informant as a result of which on several occasions the informant had eloped with the

petitioner, the petitioner, named above, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge POCSO Act-cum-A.S.J.-I-cum-FTC (CAW), Garhwa in connection with POCSO No. 114 of 2025, arising out of Ramkanda P.S. Case No. 33 of 2025.

(Rongon Mukhopadhyay, J.)

Dated, the 4th June, 2026
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