

(2025:JHHC:28475)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B. A. No. 8000 of 2025

Ashik Mahli @ Aashish Mahli, aged 18 years, son of Naresh Mahli,
resident of Muhalla Ward No.9, Bhargaon, P.O.- Arru, P.S.- Senha,
District- Lohardaga.

.... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

.... Opp. Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMBUJ NATH

For the Petitioner : Mr. Altamash Khan, Advocate
For the Opp. Party : Mr. Rajneesh Vardhan, A.P.P.

2/ 17.09.2025 Heard the parties.

2. Petitioner has been made accused in connection with Senha P.S. Case No. 26 of 2025 corresponding to POCSO Case No. 20 of 2025 for the offences registered under Sections 137(2), 96 of the B.N.S., 2023 and cognizance has been taken for the offences under Sections 137(2), 96, 65(1) of the B.N.S., 2023 and Section 4 of the POCSO Act, pending in the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge, POCSO, Lohardaga.

3. On 02.03.2025, the petitioner is alleged to have enticed the minor daughter of the informant to leave her lawful guardianship.

4. It was submitted that the statement of the victim was recorded under Section 183 of B.N.S.S, in which, she has stated that she has left her lawful guardianship according to her own wish. She has further stated that she has not established physical relationship with the petitioner.

5. In view of the submission made above, I am inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I-cum-Special Judge, POCSO, Lohardaga, in connection with Senha P.S. Case No. 26 of 2025 corresponding to POCSO Case No. 20 of 2025.

(Ambuj Nath, J.)