

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 7883 of 2025

Niraj Bharti @ Niraj Kumar Bharti, aged about 21 years, S/o Lakhan Bhuiyan, R/o village- Kamat, P.O. & P.S.- Sadar, District- Chatra, Jharkhand
... Petitioner

- Versus -

The State of Jharkhand

... Opp. Party

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMBUJ NATH

For the Petitioner

: Mr. Anurag Kashyap, Advocate

For the State

: Mrs. Lily Sahay, A.P.P.

03/10.11.2025

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has been made accused in connection with POCSO Case No.52 of 2025 arising out of Chatra Sadar P.S. Case No. 136 of 2025, for the offences registered under Sections 137(2), 96, 126(2), 115(2), 117(2), 109, 351(2), 3(5) of the B.N.S., 2023 and Section 8 of the POCSO Act. Cognizance has been taken under Sections 137(2), 96, 64, 126(2), 115(2), 351(2), 3(5) of the B.N.S., 2023 and Section 4 of the POCSO Act., pending in the court of learned Special Judge, POCSO Act, Chatra.

Petitioner is alleged to have enticed away the daughter of the informant to leave her lawful guardianship with the intention to marry her.

Attention has been drawn towards the statement of the victim recorded under Section 180 of the B.N.S.S. in which she stated that she was having affair with the petitioner. She has further stated that she has left her lawful guardianship according to her own wish. The victim has been assessed to be aged about 17 years.

This appears to be a case of adolescent love affair between the parties.

In view of the submissions 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 Special Judge, POCSO Act, Chatra, in connection with POCSO Case No.52 of 2025 arising out of Chatra Sadar P.S. Case No. 136 of 2025.

(Ambuj Nath, J.)