

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**Criminal Appeal (SJ) No. 1070 of 2025**

Jayantvir Mahto, aged about 31 years, son of Dhaneshwar Mahato, resident of village- Guru, P.O.- Pancha, P.S.- Ormanjhi, District- Ranchi, Jharkhand

..... **Appellant(s)**

Vrs.

1.The State of Jharkhand

2.Victim

..... **Respondent(s)**

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant(s) : Mr. Raj Kishore Sahu, Advocate

For the State : Mrs. Anuradha Sahay, A.P.P.

For the Respondent no.2 : Mr. M.M. Sharma, Advocate
Mr. Saibal Mitra, Advocate

04/20.04.2026 The present appeal has been filed under Section 14 (A) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

2. Heard learned counsel for the appellant and the learned counsel for the State as well as learned counsel for the victim.

3. The present appeal is directed against the order dated 29.11.2025 passed by the learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-II-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST Act, Ranchi in Misc. Cr. Application No. 2210 of 2025 in connection with SC/ST P.S. Case P.S. Case No. 100 of 2025 (Ormanjhi P.S. Case No. 158 of 2025) registered for the offence punishable under Section 69 and 89 of the BNS, 2023 and Section 3(1)(r)(s) of the SC/ST (POA) Act, 1989 whereby and whereunder the prayer of the appellant for grant of regular bail has been rejected. The case is presently pending before the court of learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-II-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST Act, Ranchi.

4. It appears that the appellant is in custody since 26.08.2025. Charge-sheet in this case has been submitted on 30.09.2025, the victim has been examined on 19.02.2026. It is case of establishing sexual relation on the false pretext of marriage. Both the parties are major. Further, it has been alleged that the marriage has been refused due to the reason of low caste.

5. Learned counsel for the victim has opposed the prayer for bail.
6. Considering the fact that both the parties are major and they were in consensual relationship since 2017 and the F.I.R has been lodged in 2025, I am inclined to enlarge the appellant on bail.
7. Accordingly, the appellant, named above, is directed to be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-II-cum-Special Judge, SC/ST Act, Ranchi in connection with SC/ST Case No. 100 of 2025 arising out of Ormanjhi P.S. Case No. 158 of 2025, subject to condition that the appellant(s) will submit self-attested photocopy/photocopies of his/her/their Aadhaar Card(s) and also submit his/her/their mobile number(s) before the learned trial court which he/she/they will always keep active and will not change it during pendency of the case without prior permission of the court.
8. In the result, the present appeal is allowed.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

20.04.2026
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