

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Criminal Appeal (S.J.) No.1099 of 2025

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Prakash Kumar @ Prakash Kumar Sahu, aged about 25 years, S/O Lallu Saw, R/O Village-Sonar Toli Simdega, P.O.-Simdega, P.S.-Simdega, District-Simdega Appellant

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Victim Respondents

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Appellant	: Mr. Sunil Kumar Ganjhu, Adv. Mr. Ashok Kumar Goel, Adv.
For the State	: Mr. Sunil Kr. Dubey, A.P.P.
For the Resp. No.2	: Mr. Ashutosh Ranjan Kumar, Adv.
	

05/23.04.2026

1. The present appeal has been filed under Section 14-A of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.
2. Heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned APP as well as learned counsel for the respondent No.2.
3. The appellant who is in custody since 27.01.2025 has approached this Court for grant of regular bail against the order dated 04.11.2025 in MCA No.1928 of 2025 passed by the learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-II-cum-Spl. Judge, (SC/ST Act), Ranchi in connection with SC/ST Case No.33 of 2025 arising out of Ratu P.S. Case No.312 of 2024, registered for the offence under Sections 376 and 317 of the IPC and charge has been framed under Sections 376(2)(n) and 313 of the IPC and Section 3 (2) (v) of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act by which prayer for bail of the appellant has been rejected.
4. Innocence has been claimed and undertaking has been given that the appellant will participate in the trial. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the appellant that it is a case of establishing physical relationship on the false pretext of marriage and thereafter denying the marriage. Both the parties are major. The case is at the stage of evidence but the victim has not been examined till date. On above basis, prayer for bail has been made.
5. Learned counsel for the State and the learned counsel for the respondent No.2 have opposed the prayer for bail.

6. Considering the period of custody and the fact that both the parties are major, the appellant, above named, is directed to be released on bail, on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Additional Judicial Commissioner-II-cum-Spl. Judge, (SC/ST Act), Ranchi in connection with SC/ST Case No.33 of 2025 arising out of Ratu P.S. Case No.312 of 2024, subject to condition that the appellant will submit self-attested photocopy of his Aadhar Card and also submit his mobile number before the learned court below which he will always keep active and will not change it during pendency of this case without prior permission of the court.

7. Accordingly, instant criminal appeal is allowed.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

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