

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 199 of 2026

Sanjay Munda, son of Karma Munda **Petitioner**
Versus
The State of Jharkhand **Opposite Party**

CORAM :HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Nandan Prasad, Advocate
For the Opp. Party : Ms. Kumari Rashmi, APP

- 06/15.04.2026 Heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 27.04.2025 in connection with Chandwa P.S. Case No.93/2025, corresponding to Spl. POCSO Case No.33/2025, registered under Sections 65 (2) of BNS and 4/6 of POCSO Act, now pending in the court of learned Spl. Judge POCSO, Latehar.
3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though there is direct allegation against the petitioner in the FIR lodged by the mother of the victim, but the victim as well as the mother, has turned hostile and he has further submitted that there was a fight in connection with giving match box.
4. The learned counsel for the State has submitted that the accused is the cousin brother of the informant and as per the medical report, the victim is 6-7 years of age. She has also submitted that the father of the victim and other witnesses including the maternal uncle had supported the case of the prosecution as per the statement recorded in the case diary whereby when the victim was gone missing, they searched for her and upon alarm raised by her, she could be traced in the jungle along with the petitioner. She has submitted that the trial can be expedited.
5. After hearing the learned counsels for the parties and considering the allegation made against the petitioner, and that there are other witnesses supporting the case of the prosecution including the father of the victim and the trial is on, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

6. At this, the learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the next date in the trial is 08.05.2026.
7. The learned counsel for the State submits that on the next date, the witness shall be produced.
8. The State is directed to ensure that the remaining witnesses are promptly produced so that the trial is concluded at the earliest.
9. The learned counsel for the State is directed to communicate this order to the Superintendent of Police of the concerned district and also to the Director, Prosecution to ensure compliance.
10. Let a copy of this order be communicated to the learned court concerned through “FAX/email”.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

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