

IN THE HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND AT NAINITAL

IA No.1 of 2024 For Bail Application
In
Criminal Appeal No. 496 of 2024

Vikramjeet Singh Appellant

Vs.

State of Uttarakhand Respondent

Present:

Mr. Vikas Anand, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. Pankaj Joshi, A.G.A. for the State.

Coram: Hon'ble Ravindra Maithani, J.
Hon'ble Siddhartha Sah, J.

Hon'ble Ravindra Maithani, J. (Oral)

The instant appeal has been preferred against judgment and order dated 08/12.08.2024, passed in Special Sessions Trial No.447 of 2021, State Vs. Vikramjeet, by the court of FTSC/Additional District and Sessions Judge/ Special Judge (POCSO), Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar. By it, the appellant has been convicted under Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, Sections 363, 366 IPC and Section 10 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, and sentenced accordingly.

2. Heard.

3. This appeal has already been admitted.

4. List in due course for final hearing.

5. Heard on First Bail Application (IA) No.1 of 2024

6. According to the FIR, the victim left her home on 11.05.2021 without intimating to anyone, and did not return. Subsequently, it is the prosecution case that it is the appellant who enticed her and took her away.

7. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that both the appellant and the victim were in romantic relationship; they wanted to marry, but the family members of the victim were not agreeable to it. Thereafter, she left her home and they both married in a temple. It is argued that, subsequently, in the court, the victim has changed her stance, but still, she has stated that she and the appellant both were married.

8. These factual narrations are not disputed by learned State Counsel.

9. Having considered this and other attending factors, we are of the view that it is a case in which the execution of sentence should be suspended and the appellant be enlarged on bail.

10. The bail application is allowed.

11. The sentence appealed against is suspended during the pendency of the appeal.

12. The appellant be released on bail during the pendency of the appeal on his executing a personal bond and furnishing two reliable sureties, each of the like amount, to the satisfaction of the court concerned.

(Siddhartha Sah, J.)

25.03.2026

(Ravindra Maithani, J.)