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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Case No. : Bail Appln./243/2026

SRI CHANU PRADHAN ALAIS SANU PRADHAN
S/O D B PRADHAN
R/O- KOILAMARI 14 NO LINE, P/S- NORTH LAKHIMPURT- DIST. LAKHIMPUR, ASSAM

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND ANR
REPRESENTED BY THE PP, ASSAM

2:XXXXX (INFORMANT/VICTIM IS A MINOR GIRL)
D/O- JAHAN URANG
R/O- JOYHING SONAPUR LINE

P/S- NORTH LAKHIMPUD
DIST- LAKHIMPUR
ASSA

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR M HOQUE, MS J BEGUM

Advocate for the Respondent : PP, ASSAM, DARAK ULLAH, AMICUS CURIAE R2

:: BEFORE ::

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHIVJYOTI SAIKIA

O R D E R

18.06.2026

Heard Mr. M. Hoque, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. M.P. Goswami, the Addl. Public Prosecutor, Assam as well as Mr. D. Ullah, the learned Amicus Curiae appearing for the Respondent No.2.

2. This is an application under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023 whereby the petitioner Chanu Pradhan @ Sanu Pradhan, who is facing trial in Special (POCSO) Case No.219/2025 pending in the learned Special Judge(POCSO), North Lakhimpur, Lakhimpur has prayed for releasing him on bail.

3. Four persons namely the present petitioner along with Ranju Tamang, Sumit Karmakar and Mukun Baraik had committed rape upon a 15 year old girl. After that, the girl became pregnant and now she has given birth to a child.

4. All the four persons are now facing trial together.

5. The victim girl has stated in her evidence that initially Sanu Pradhan i.e. the present petitioner had taken her to a nearby jungle and committed rape upon her. Subsequently, the other accuseds committed rape upon her one by one.

6. I have considered the submissions made by the learned counsels of both sides.

7. At this stage, there are some incriminating materials in the evidence against the present petitioner. This Court is of the opinion that trial court is the best forum to adjudicate the matter. The bail prayer of the petitioner is found to be devoid of merit

and therefore, the bail application is dismissed and disposed of.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant