IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 6885 of 2026

Jitesh Bhuiyan @ Guddu Bhuiyan, aged about 28 years, S/o late Shivnandan Bhuiyan @ Sini Bhuiyan R/o village Goindi P.O. Udaypura P.S. Tarhasi District Palamau, Jharkhand.

… … Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand **… … Opposite Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Informant : Mr. Ashok Kumar, Advocate
For the Opp. Party : Mr. Rakesh Ranjan, APP

05/**27.08.2026** Heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 06.02.2026 in connection with POCSO Case No.26 of 2026, arising out of Pipratand P.S. Case No.39/2025, registered under Sections 137 (2)/96 of BNS. It is submitted that the Investigating Officer subsequently submitted the case diary mentioning section 137 (2)/96 of BNS as well as Section 6 of POCSO Act and the case is pending in the court of learned Exclusive Spl. Judge, POCSO Act, Palamau at Daltonganj.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the F.I.R., the victim girl (aged 16 years) went missing. Thereafter, from some notebook of her, a mobile phone number was found and when the informant contracted to the mobile, the phone was picked up by the victim and ultimately, she disconnected. It is submitted that she was later recovered.

4. The learned counsel has further submitted that the victim has been giving different statements at different stages. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is in custody since 06.02.2026, charges were framed on 25.03.2026 and till the impugned order dated 30.03.2026, no witness was examined.

5. Learned counsel for the State and learned counsel for the informant have opposed the prayer for bail. Learned counsel for the

informant submits that the trial is going on and several witnesses, including the victim, have been examined and have supported the prosecution case. As per the status report received from the court concerned, charges were framed on 25.03.2026 and out of 8 charge-sheeted witnesses, 5 (including the victim) have already been examined.

6. After hearing the learned counsels for the parties and considering the statement of the victim recorded under Section 183 of BNSS, wherein direct allegations have been levelled against the 28-year-old petitioner that he allured her and took her to Hazaribagh, where she subsequently came to know that he was already married, this Court, in view of the serious and direct allegations, is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

7. However, the State is directed to ensure that the remaining witnesses are promptly produced before the court.

8. The learned counsel for the State is directed to communicate this order to the Superintendent of Police of the concerned district and also to Director, Prosecution to ensure compliance.

9. Let a copy of this order be communicated to the learned court concerned through "FAX/email".

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

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