

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR**MCRC No. 1283 of 2020**

Reva Lodhi S/o Shriram Lodhi, Aged about 24 years,
R/o Village Dharashiv, Thana Kasdol, Tahsil and
District Balodabazar, Chhattisgarh.

---Applicant

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House
Officer, Police Station- Pithora, District
Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh.

--- Non-applicant/State

For Applicant :- Mr. Vikash Pradhan, Advocate
For State :- Mr. Ghanshyam Patel, G.A.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal
Order on Board

12/05/2020

1. This is the first bail application filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail to the applicant who has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 168/2019, registered at Police Station – Pithora, District Mahasamund (CG), for the offence punishable under Sections 363, 366, 376 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 4 and 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the applicant has taken the minor prosecutrix to some places and on the pretext of marriage committed sexual intercourse with her and thereby, committed the aforesaid offence.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that the applicant has not committed any offence and he has falsely been implicated in the crime in question as the prosecutrix is a major and is married and also has a child out of her marriage with the complainant. He would further submit that the applicant is in jail since 07/02/2020.
4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State would oppose the bail application.
5. I have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.
6. Taking into consideration the facts & circumstances of the case, nature & gravity of the offence, role of the present applicant and pre-trial detention of the applicant, this Court is of the opinion that present is a fit case wherein the applicant should be enlarged on regular bail.
7. Accordingly, the bail application filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. is allowed.

8. It is directed that the applicant shall be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond in the sum of **Rs.25,000/-** with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, for his appearance as and when directed.
9. It is made clear that if the applicant has already been released on bail pursuant to the bail bonds already furnished in view of the order passed by the High Power Committee constituted in compliance of the order of the Supreme Court of India dated 23/03/2020 in the matter of **In Re : Contagion of COVID 19 Virus in Prisons** (Suo Moto Writ Petition (c) No. 1/2020), he need not furnish bail bonds afresh and the bail bonds already furnished shall be deemed to be the bail bonds furnished in compliance of the order of this Court, but if he has not furnished the bail bonds earlier, then he will be required to furnish bail bonds within four weeks from today.
10. Certified copy, as per rules.

Sd/-
(Sanjay K. Agrawal)
Judge