

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPURMisc. Criminal Case No.1571 of 2020

Ram Narayan @ Laddu Thakur, aged about 53 years, S/o Late Phoolkit Thakur, R/o Jawahar Nagar Ward, Jagdalpur, District Bastar (C.G.)

(In Jail)
---- Applicant

Versus

State of Chhattisgarh, Through the Police Station Bodhghat, District Bastar (C.G.)

---- Non-applicant

For Applicant:	Mr. Pravin Kumar Tulsyan, Advocate.
For Non-applicant:	Mr. Vikram Sharma, Deputy Govt. Advocate.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal

Order On Board

14/05/2020

1. The accused/applicant has moved this bail application under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for releasing him on regular bail during trial in connection with Crime No.4/2020, registered at Police Station Bodhghat, Distt. Bastar, for the offence punishable under Section 354 of the IPC and Section 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.
2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the applicant outraged the modesty of the minor complainant and thereby committed the offence.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that this is the first bail application filed on behalf of the applicant for grant of regular bail, the applicant has not committed any offence and he has been falsely implicated in the case. The applicant has been arrested on 9-1-2020. Trial is likely to take some time for conclusion.
4. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the application.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties.
6. Taking into consideration the nature and gravity of offence, facts and

circumstances of the case and pretrial detention of the applicant, I am of the view that it is a fit case to enlarge the applicant on regular bail. Accordingly, the application is allowed.

7. It is, therefore, directed that the applicant 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 Court for his appearance as and when directed.
8. 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 23-3-2020 in the matter of **In Re : Contagion of COVID 19 Virus in Prisons** (Suo Motu 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 bail bonds earlier, then he will be required to furnish bail bonds.

Sd/-
(Sanjay K. Agrawal)
Judge