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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 8955 of 2026

Satish Akka S/o Shri Lakheshwar Akka, Aged About 22 Years Caste Uraon Occupation Agriculture, R/o Village Bhithuva (Uraonpara), Thana And Tehsil Sitapur District Surguja Chhattisgarh. **... Applicant**

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versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through- The Station House Officer, Police Station Sitapur District Surguja Chhattisgarh. **... Non-applicant**

For Applicant	:	Shri Vikas Kumar Pandey, Advocate.
For Non-Applicant/State	:	Ms. Priya Sharma, Panel Lawyer.

(HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE RAKESH MOHAN PANDEY)

Order on Board

28/10/2026

1. This is the **First bail application** filed under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant, who has been arrested in connection with Crime No.266/2026 registered at Police Station Sitapur District Surguja (C.G.), for the offence punishable under Sections 332 (b), 64(2)(m) of Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023 (for short, the BNS, 2023) and Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for brevity, the POCSO Act, 2012).

2. As per the case of the prosecution, an F.I.R. was lodged by the victim on 11.07.2026 after attaining the age of 21 years to the effect that the

present applicant on the pretext of marriage sexually exploited her between 15.07.2022 and 26.11.2025. It is also stated therein that there was affair between them. On such complaint/report, the police registered the offence as stated above.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant would argue that there was love affair between the applicant and the victim; the relationship continued for a period of more than 3 years and F.I.R. was lodged on 11.07.2026 and at that point of time, age of the victim was 21 years. It is also contended that charge-sheet has already been filed; applicant is in jail since 14.07.2026; he has no criminal antecedents and conclusion of the trial is likely to take some considerable time. Therefore, he would pray that the bail application may be allowed and the applicant may be enlarged on bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State would oppose the submissions advanced by the learned counsel for the applicant. She would contend that the present applicant sexually exploited the victim when her age was below 18 years. It is further contended that there are serious allegations of sexual assault, therefore, the bail application deserves to be rejected.

5. Victim appeared through virtual mode from the concerned DLSA and has given her consent for grant of bail to the applicant.

6. I have heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and perused the case diary.

7. Having considered the fact that charge-sheet has already been filed;

the applicant is in jail since 14.07.2026; F.I.R. was lodged on 11.07.2026 and on the said date, age of the victim was around 21 years and there is inordinate delay in registering the F.I.R; further the applicant has no criminal antecedents; there is no objection from the side of victim in granting bail to the applicant and conclusion of trial may take some considerable time, I am inclined to grant bail to the applicant. Accordingly, the instant bail application is **allowed.**

8. It is directed that the applicant shall be released on bail on his furnishing a **personal bond** in sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the Court concerned with the following conditions:-

(i) he shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such fact to the Court;
(ii) he shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial, &
(iii) he shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

9. The observation made herein above is for the purpose of deciding this bail application only and the trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits.

Sd/-

(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
JUDGE

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