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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9335 of 2026

Ankit Bhagat S/o Shivram Bhagat Aged About 28 Years R/o Girhuldih Police Station Sitapur, Distt- Sarguja (C.G.) **... Applicant**

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Station Sanna, Distt- Jashpur (C.G.) **... Non-Applicant**

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For Applicant	:	Shri Ashish Gupta and Ms. Minakshi Gupta, Advocates.
For Non-applicant/State	:	Shri Sumit Singh, Additional Advocate General.

(HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE RAKESH MOHAN PANDEY)

Order on Board

04/11/2026

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.122/2025 registered at Police Station Sanna, District Jashpur (C.G.), for the offence punishable under Sections 376(2)(N), 506 of IPC.

2. As per the case of the prosecution, the victim lodged a written report on 23.12.2025 making allegations that the applicant, who is a married person, developed love relation and sexually exploited her on pretext of marriage from 24.03.2023 to 24.11.2025. On such complaint, the

police registered the offence against the applicant, as stated above.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant would submit that the victim is a teacher and a widowed lady, residing in the same vicinity and she is aware of the fact that the applicant is a married person. He would further contend that she was a matured lady, aged about 41 years; there was consensual relationship between them, which continued for a period of 2 years and thereafter, F.I.R. was lodged on 28.12.2025. he would further contend that the charge-sheet has been filed; the applicant is in jail since 29.03.2026; 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. He would submit that the present applicant, on false pretext of marriage, sexually exploited the victim. It is contended by him that there is one criminal antecedent against the present applicant, but nature and particulars of the offence are not mentioned in the case diary. He would contend that the present applicant concealed the fact that he is a married person and thus there was misconception of fact, therefore, the bail application deserves to be rejected.

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

6. Having considered the fact that the applicant and the victim, both are residents of same locality; they were known to each other; relationship

between them continued from 24.03.2023 to 24.11.2025; age of the victim is 41 years; she is a teacher and knowing very well the consequences of such relation, she maintained the relationship for more than two years; further considering that the charge-sheet has already been filed; applicant is in jail since 29.03.2026; although he has one criminal antecedent, but nature and particulars of the offence are not mentioned in the case diary 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.**

7. 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.

8. 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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