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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9178 of 2026

1 - Rahul Bangaru S/o Raju Bangaru Aged About 35 Years R/o Devrikhurd, Thana - Torwa, District : Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh

... Applicant

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through The Station House Officer, Thana Sirgitti, District : Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh **... Non-applicant**

For Applicant	:	Ms. Anushree Rajput, Advocate along with Mr. Sourabh Kumar, Advocate
For Non-applicant	:	Ms. Priya Sharma, PL

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order On Board

04.11.2026

1) The father of the victim appeared in person before this Court and raised a strong objection to the grant of bail to the present applicant.

2) The applicant has preferred this First Bail Application under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), for grant of regular bail, as he has been arrested in connection with Crime No.402/2026, registered at Police Station Sirgitti, District Bilaspur (CG) for the offence punishable under Sections 137(2), 64(2)(m), 60, 351(3) of BNS and 4, 6, 16, 17 & 21 of POCSO Act.

3) The prosecution case, in brief, is that the complainant (father of the

victim) lodged a report stating that his elder daughter informed him that, on 14.12.2025, the present applicant, Rahul Bangaru, took his younger daughter to Shivam Hotel, Ishika Park, where he established physical relations with her several times and threatened her not to disclose the incident to anyone. When the victim disclosed the incident to her elder sister, who subsequently informed the complainant, the complainant lodged a report at the Police Station on 07.06.2026. Hence, the present bail application.

4) Ms. Rajput, learned counsel for the applicant would submit that the applicant has falsely been implicated in the case. She would further submit that the applicant is innocent and has not committed any offence as alleged. She would also submit that the applicant is in jail since 08.06.2026, the charge-sheet has been filed, and the trial is likely to take considerable time for its conclusion. Therefore, she would pray that the applicant be enlarged on bail.

5) On the other hand, learned State counsel would oppose the bail application and submit that the present applicant took the minor victim to Shivam Hotel, Ishika Park, where he established physical relations with her several times and threatened her not to disclose the incident to anyone. She would further submit that the allegations against the applicant are serious in nature and the father of the victim has also raised a strong objection to the grant of bail. On these grounds, she prays for rejection of the bail application.

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

7) Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the allegations and the material available on record,

particularly the age of the victim and the manner in which she was allegedly sexually exploited, it appears that, as per the prosecution case, on 14.12.2025, the present applicant, Rahul Bangaru, who is a teacher, took the younger daughter of the complainant to Shivam Hotel, Ishika Park, where he allegedly established physical relations with her several times and threatened her not to disclose the incident to anyone. The victim subsequently disclosed the incident to her elder sister, who informed their father, pursuant to which the complainant lodged the FIR on 07.06.2026. It is further relevant to note that the applicant was arrested on 08.06.2026. The allegations assume significance in view of the fact that the present applicant was working as a teacher and the manner in which he allegedly sexually exploited the victim on several occasions and threatened her to maintain silence about the incident. It is also relevant that the father of the victim appeared in person before this Court and raised a strong objection to the grant of bail to the present applicant. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, particularly the age of the victim, the nature and seriousness of the allegations and the conduct attributed to the applicant, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the applicant on bail at this stage. Accordingly, the bail application is **rejected**.

8) It is made clear that the observations made hereinabove are confined to the consideration of the bail application and shall not influence the trial Court while deciding the case on its own merits.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
JUDGE

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