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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRC No. 9671 of 2026

Lalit Dhruv @ Nikki Thakur S/o Suresh Dhruv (Thakur) Aged About 26 Years R/o Ahivara, Thakura Para, Ward No. 03, Near Sheetla Mandir, P. S. Nandini Police Station District Durg Chhattisgarh.

... Applicant

Versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through- S H O P.S. Supela, Chowki Smirti, Nagar District Durg Chhattisgarh.

... Respondent(s)

For Applicant	:	Mr. B.P. Singh, Advocate
For Non-Applicant	:	Ms. Ritika Verma, P.L.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey

Order on Board

17.11.2026

1. The victim has appeared before this Court through Video Conferencing and has raised objection for grant of bail to the applicant.

2. This is the first bail application filed under under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the applicant, who has been arrested in connection with Crime No. 1162 of 2026 registered at Police Station: Supela, District: Durg, Chhattisgarh for the offence punishable under Sections 296, 115 (2), 351 (3), 74 and 78 (1) of BNS and Section 8 of POCSO Act.

3. The prosecution case, in brief, is that the mother of the prosecutrix lodged a report on 11/08/2026, alleging that the applicant had been following her minor daughter, aged about 16 years, and had asked her for her husband's mobile number. The applicant also called out to her daughter. Due to these incidents, she was compelled to send her daughter to the house of her maternal aunt at Khamaria Junwani about three years ago. It is further alleged that on 10/08/2026, at about 9:30 a.m., when the prosecutrix was going to deliver a meal to her maternal aunt, the applicant approached her near Smriti Nagar Garden, attempted to outrage her modesty, abused her and threatened to kill her. Thus, the applicant is alleged to have committed the aforesaid offence.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submits that, in her statement recorded under Section 183 of the BNSS, the victim has not made any allegation against the applicant. He also submits that the charge-sheet has been filed, the applicant has been in custody since 11.08.2026, and he has no criminal antecedents. On these grounds, learned counsel prays that the applicant be granted bail.

5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application and submits that the applicant is involved in a serious offence and actively participated in the commission of the alleged crime. Accordingly, he prays for rejection of the bail application.

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

7. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the

case diary and other material available on record, this Court finds that the victim has not made any allegation of sexual assault against the applicant in her statement recorded under Section 183 of the BNSS and that the applicant has no criminal antecedents. Having regard to these circumstances, this Court is of the considered opinion that the applicant deserves to be enlarged on regular bail. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the bail application is allowed.

8. It is directed that in the event of the applicant executing a personal bond for a sum of **Rs. 50,000/-** to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court, he shall be released on bail on the following conditions:-

(a) he shall make himself available for interrogation by the police officer as and when required;

(b)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; and

(c) he shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to a fair and expeditious trial.

The observation made hereinabove is for the purpose of deciding this bail application only, the learned trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits.

Sd/-
(Rakesh Mohan Pandey)
JUDGE

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