SL. No.	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGE'S ORDERS
			BA1/1154/2026 Sumit Kumar --Applicant **Versus** State Of Uttarakhand --Respondent **Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.** Mr. Devansh Dhiman and Mr. Puneet Uppal, learned counsel for the applicant. Mr. Deepak Bisht, learned Deputy Advocate General for the State of Uttarakhand. 2. The present bail application has been filed by the applicant, who is in judicial custody in connection with FIR No. 1 of 2025, registered on 08.07.2025 at Police Station Rajaswa Upnirikshak Chetra Singoli (Chalani Revenue Circle Singoli), District Almora, for the offences punishable under Sections 64, 351(1), 74, 127(1) and 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS), and Sections 3/4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act). The charge-sheet has been submitted for the offences punishable under Sections 64(2)(m), 78, 75(1), 127(1) and 351(1) of the BNS, and Sections 5(l)/6 and 7/8 of the POCSO Act. 3. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record. 4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is contended that the applicant and the victim had been in a relationship for approximately one and a half years. Learned counsel further submits that

			the victim was aged about 17 years and 6 months at the time of the alleged incident. It is also contended that the medical examination of the victim was conducted more than four months after the last alleged incident of sexual assault. It is further submitted that the victim herself stated that she had got a tattoo of the applicant on her body. Learned counsel also refers to certain letters and photographs which, according to the defence, indicate that the applicant and the victim were in a relationship. It is further submitted that the statement of the victim has already been recorded and, therefore, there is no likelihood of the applicant tampering with the evidence. The applicant has been in judicial custody since 08.07.2025. 5. Per contra, learned State Counsel has opposed the bail application. 6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the material available on record, this Court finds that the applicant has made out a case for grant of bail at this stage. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the allegations, this Court is of the view that the applicant deserves to be enlarged on bail. 7. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed. 8. Let the applicant be released on bail upon furnishing a personal bond and two reliable sureties, each in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the court concerned. 9. It is made clear that any observations made hereinabove are confined to the adjudication of the present bail application and shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on

			the merits of the case. 10. All pending applications, if any, stand disposed of accordingly. **(Alok Mahra, J.)** 27-10-2026 SB