SL. No.	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGE'S ORDERS
			BA2/175/2026 Anand Singh Mahra --Applicant **Versus** State Of Uttarakhand --Respondent And **BA2 No.178 of 2026** Anand Singh Mahra --Applicant **Versus** State Of Uttarakhand --Respondent **Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.** Mr. A.S. Rawat, Senior Advocate, assisted by Mr. Gaurav Paliwal, Advocate for the applicant. Mr. Pramod Chandra Tewari and Mr. Vipul Painuli, A.G.A. for the State of Uttarakhand. 2. The second bail application BA2 No.175 of 2026 has been filed by the applicant seeking regular bail in connection with F.I.R. No.0015 of 2026, registered at Police Station Champawat, District Champawat, for the offences punishable under Sections 16, 17, 22, 23 of POCSO Act and Section 127(2), 217(b), 331(4), 351(2), 61(2) of B.N.S., 2023. The first bail application filed by the applicant was dismissed as withdrawn by a Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 24.09.2026.

			3. The second bail application BA2 No.178 of 2026 has been filed by the applicant seeking regular bail in connection with F.I.R. No.0016 of 2026, registered at Police Station Champawat, District Champawat, for the offences punishable under Sections 11, 12, 22, 23 of POCSO Act and Section 217, 230, 351(2), 351(1)(b), 61(2) of B.N.S., 2023. The first bail application filed by the applicant was dismissed as withdrawn by a Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 24.09.2026. 4. Before lodging the subsequent F.I.R.s, an F.I.R. bearing F.I.R. No.14 of 2026 was lodged on 06.05.2026 by the father of the victim, alleging that his minor daughter had been sexually assaulted by three persons, namely, Vinod Singh Rawat, son of Ramesh Singh Rawat, Naveen Singh and Pooran Singh Rawat. The victim was medically examined on the same day and, during her medical examination, she is stated to have reiterated the allegations made in the aforesaid F.I.R. As per the opinion of the Medical Officer, the possibility of sexual intercourse could not be ruled out on the basis of the physical examination. Subsequently, on 08.05.2026, another F.I.R. bearing F.I.R. No.15 of 2026 was lodged by the father of Vinod Singh Rawat, wherein it was alleged that his son had informed him that Kamal Singh Rawat, along with the applicant and other companions, had broken the lock of a room, confined the victim therein, and thereafter locked the room from outside, leaving the victim in a naked condition, and had subsequently circulated her nude video on social media with the intention of falsely implicating them in a criminal case. The applicant was also named in the said F.I.R. along with Kamal Singh Rawat and

			Arjita Rai. Thereafter, on 11.05.2026, F.I.R. No.16 of 2026 was lodged by the father of the victim, substantially reiterating the allegations contained in F.I.R. No.15 of 2026. 5. Learned Senior Counsel for the applicant submits that F.I.R. No.15 of 2026, lodged by the father of Vinod Singh Rawat, who is one of the accused named in F.I.R. No.14 of 2026, as well as the subsequent F.I.R. No.16 of 2026 lodged by the father of the victim, are motivated in nature. He submits that, upon completion of investigation in F.I.R. No.14 of 2026, a closure report has been submitted. The allegation against the applicant in the present case is that he circulated the nude video of the victim and disclosed her identity on social media; however, the prosecution has, so far, failed to bring on record any cogent material establishing that the applicant was the person who first circulated the alleged video on social media. Learned Senior Counsel further submits that the victim, while deposing as P.W.3 before the trial Court, in her examination-in-chief as well as cross-examination, has specifically stated that she was sexually assaulted by Vinod Singh Rawat, son of Ramesh Singh Rawat, Naveen Singh and Pooran Singh Rawat, and that she does not know the applicant. The copies of the statements furnished by learned State Counsel are taken on record. Lastly, he submits that the applicant has been languishing in jail since 13.05.2026. 6. Per contra, learned State Counsel vehemently opposes the bail application. 7. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the material available on record, this Court finds that

the victim, in her deposition before the trial Court, has attributed the alleged sexual assault to three persons, none of whom is the applicant, and has stated that she does not know the applicant. The allegation against the applicant pertains to circulation of the alleged nude video; however, at this stage, the material placed before this Court does not prima facie establish that the applicant was the person who first circulated the video on social media. Further, a closure report has been submitted in F.I.R. No.14 of 2026. Having regard to the nature of the allegations, the material collected during investigation, the statement of the victim recorded before the trial Court, the period of incarceration undergone by the applicant and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court is of the view that the applicant deserves to be enlarged on bail.

8. Accordingly, the second bail applications are allowed.

9. Let the applicant be released on bail upon executing a personal bond and furnishing two reliable sureties, each in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the court concerned.

(Alok Mahra, J.)
26.11.2026

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