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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

\# **CNR No. DLHC011095812025**

\+ BAIL APPLN. 499/2026

RAVI RAM @ RAVI KUMAR .....Applicant

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versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI .....Respondent

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**CORAM:**
**HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA**

**O R D E R**

**% 01.10.2026**

1. The present petition has been filed seeking bail under Section 483 read with Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023



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("BNSS"), seeking regular bail to the applicant in connection with *FIR No. 496/2023* dated 17th October, 2023, under Sections 363/376AB of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ("IPC") and Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 ("POCSO Act"), registered at Police Station ("PS") Baba Haridas Nagar, Dwarka, Delhi.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the applicant submits that the applicant has been in jail since 07th February, 2024. He submits that earlier when the bail application of the applicant was dismissed neither the prosecution witnesses had been examined nor the Forensic Science Laboratory ("FSL") Report had been filed.

3. He submits that, now, the victim/complainant and her mother have already been examined, and the FSL Report has also been filed.

4. He further submits that the accused and his family have shifted out of the locality, and that they are no longer living in the same locality near the victim/complainant's house.

5. *Per contra*, learned Additional Public Prosecutor ("APP") for the State brings to the notice of this Court that the trial is going on in a Fast-Track Court, wherein, only two witnesses are left to be examined. He submits that the matter is listed before the Trial Court on a short date on 02nd November, 2026.

6. He further draws the attention of this Court to the Chargesheet dated 01st April, 2024, as well as the statement made by the victim/complainant to submit that the charges under the POSCO Act have been supported by the victim/complainant.

7. Learned counsel appearing for the victim/complainant has handed over to this Court, a copy of written submissions on behalf of the



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victim/complainant, which is taken on record. He submits that the victim/complainant has supported the prosecution's case in her statements made before the Police as well as before the Judicial Magistrate. He further relies upon Section 29 of the POSCO Act.

8. Having heard learned counsels appearing for the parties, this Court notes the fact that the victim/complainant, who was 12 years at the time of the incident, was taken by the applicant to his hometown in Bihar. The victim was ultimately recovered after approximately four months from the house of the applicant at his native place in Bihar.

9. This Court notes that there is a gap of more than 10 years between the parties in the present case, wherein, the applicant was of 23 years of age while the victim/complainant who was around 12 years of age, at the time of the incident.

10. It is also to be noted that the trial is at its fag end and only two witnesses remain to be examined. Thus, this Court takes note of the fact that there is no delay in the trial as such.

11. It is also to be noted that the victim/complainant has supported the case of the prosecution all throughout in her statements recorded at different points of time.

12. It is also to be noted that the victim/complainant is barely 13 years of age, as of today.

13. This Court also takes note of the statement made by the victim/complainant, wherein, she has confirmed the fact of having physical relations with the applicant.

14. Pertinently, the applicant has been charged under the POSCO Act, which carries a stringent penalty with a minimum sentence of 20 years



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imprisonment upon conviction.

15. Accordingly, considering the fact and circumstances of the present case, no ground is made out to grant bail.

16. The present petition is accordingly dismissed.

17. However, it is clarified that any observations made in the present order are solely for the purpose of deciding the present bail application and shall neither influence the trial proceedings nor be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

**MINI PUSHKARNA, J**

**OCTOBER 1, 2026**
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