

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI  
B.A No.7315 of 2022**

Gautam Mahto ..... **Petitioner**

**Versus**

The State of Jharkhand ..... **Opp. Party**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR**

For the Petitioner : Ms. Sunita Kumari, Advocate  
For the State : Mr. Azeemuddin, A.P.P

**03/Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicant and learned A.P.P.
2. The applicant, who is in custody since 28.12.2021, has approached this Court for grant of regular bail in connection with Spl. POCSO Case No.13 of 2022, arising out of Gumla P.S. Case No.349 of 2021, registered for the offence under Sections 363/366-A of the Indian Penal Code.
3. It appears that the applicant, aged about 21 years, has been made an accused for kidnapping a minor girl, aged about 16 years.
4. Learned counsel for the applicant claims innocence of the applicant and while referring to the statement of the victim girl recorded under Section 164 of the Cr.P.C, it has been submitted that no allegation has been made against this applicant.
5. On the other hand learned A.P.P has opposed the prayer for bail.
6. Considering the age of the parties and the statement of the victim girl recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C, I am inclined to enlarge the applicant on bail. Accordingly, the applicant is directed to be released on bail, on his furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge - IV, Gumla, in connection with Spl. POCSO Case No.13 of 2022, arising out of Gumla P.S. Case No.349 of 2021, on the condition that the applicant will submit self-attested photocopy of his Aadhaar Card and also submit his mobile number before the learned court below which he will always keep active and will not change it during pendency of this case without prior permission of the court.

**(Rajesh Kumar, J.)**

**Chandan/-**