

Item No. 12

Bail Appln. No. 3 of 2018

BEFORE

**HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE MR. N. KOTISWAR SINGH**

27.02.2018

Heard Mr. S. Thoi Thoi Meitei, learned counsel for the petitioner.  
Heard also Mr. Athouba Khaidem, learned PP for the State.

The present application has been filed seeking enlargement on bail of the petitioner who has been in judicial custody since 20.10.2017.

Mr. Thoi Thoi submits that the petitioner who is about 65 years has been falsely accused of molestation of a girl child studying in Class VIII. The allegation against the petitioner is that the said girl child was molested 3 (three) times by the petitioner, though any physical injury seems to be absent.

This Court has perused the police report as well as the statement recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C. and having considered the nature of the case as reflected in the statement of the victim girl, this Court is of the view that the petitioner who has already been detained since 20.10.2017 may be released on bail however, subject to the following conditions :

- i) He will furnish personal bond of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) only in cash with surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the concerned POCSO Court, Imphal East;
- ii) He shall attend investigation as and when required by the I.O. of the case;
- iii) He will not stay in the same place where he was earlier staying where the victim girl has been staying with her parents;
- iv) He will not leave Manipur without informing the I.O. of the case;
- v) He will give his mobile number and current address to the I.O. of the case and will attend the police station as and when required to do so by the I.O. of the case and in case of change of any address, he shall inform the I.O. of the case.

It is also further directed that if any of the aforesaid conditions are violated by the petitioner, the order passed by this Court granting bail may be liable to be recalled. Accordingly, with the above direction, the present petition is allowed.

Copy of this order may be furnished to the learned counsel for all the parties.

**ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE**

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