

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.744 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-153 Year-2022 Thana- MUFFASIL District- West Champaran

NIRANJAN MAHTO @ NIRANJAN KUMAR S/O LATE BISHUN
MAHATO R/o vill - Shekhawana Math, Patwari Tola, ward no. 46, P.S. -
Muffasil Bettiah, Distt.- West Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar Bihar
2. Ranju Devi W/o Binod Mukhiya R/o vill - Baidhnathpur, P.S. - Muffasil
Bettiah, Distt.- West Champaran

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Sarvesh Kashyap, Adv.
For the Respondent No. 2	:	Mr. Anant Kumar Mishra, Adv.
For the State	:	Mr. Binod Kumar, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
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ORAL ORDER

2 02-04-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, learned
counsel for the informant and learned A.P.P for the State.

2. The petitioner has preferred this application for grant of regular bail in connection with Muffasil P.S. Case No. 153 of 2022 dated 01.03.2022 registered for the offences punishable u/s 366A read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 8 of the POCSO Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, the petitioner is alleged to have kidnapped the minor daughter of the informant for the purpose of marriage. It is further alleged that the family members of the petitioner are also involved in the kidnapping of



the victim girl.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The occurrence took place on 27.02.2022 but the F.I.R. was lodged on 01.03.2022 and there is no explanation for this delay. Learned counsel has further submitted that the compromise has taken place between the parties. The victim in her statement recorded u/s 164 of the Cr.P.C. has also not supported the prosecution story and denied the factum of kidnapping and she has also stated that she went with the petitioner on her own sweet will and solemnized her marriage as stated in para 10 of the bail petition. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no concern with the alleged offence. The petitioner has clean antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The petitioner is in custody since 25.11.2024.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State and learned counsel for the informant have vehemently opposed the bail petition of the petitioner.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case as well as the period of custody, the petitioner above-named, is directed to be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail-bond of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) with two sureties of



the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Court concerned, West Champaran, Bettiah in connection with Bettiah Muffasil P.S. Case No. 153 of 2022.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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