

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.4169 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-563 Year-2024 Thana- ARARIA District- Araria

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Santosh Mehtar @ Santosh Kumar Mehtar Son of Pirthi Dom @ Pirti Dom @ Prithvi Supat Resident of Village- Rampur Kodarkatti, Ward No. 4, (Near Bajrangbali Chowk), P.S.- Araria, Distt.- Araria

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Kunti Devi Wife of Arun Mehtar Resident of Village- Rampur Kodarkatti, Ward No. 4, (Near Bajrangbali Chowk), P.S.- Araria, Distt.- Araria

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Vijay Kishore Bharti
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Anuj Kumar Shrivastava

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

3 19-04-2025 Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The petitioner seeks regular bail in connection with Araria P.S. Case No. 563 of 2024, registered for the offence under Sections 137(2) and 96 of the B.N.S., 2023 read with Section 8 of the POCSO Act.

3. The petitioner is accused of kidnapping a minor girl.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent and he is in custody since 11.11.2024.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has opposed the prayer



for bail.

6. Considering the nature of allegation and also considering the Judgment of the Hon’ble Supreme Court passed in the case of *Pinki Vs. State of Uttar Pradesh reported as 2025 SCC OnLine 781*, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the prayer for regular bail of the petitioner stands rejected.

8. It appears a case of child trafficking, the trial is directed to be expedited and concluded at the earliest.

(Sandeep Kumar, J)

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