

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.13475 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-6 Year-2024 Thana- ECONOMIC OFFENCES, BIHAR
District- Patna

Suchindra Kumar @ Suchindra Paswan, S/o Ashok Kumar @ Ashok Kumar
Chaudhary, R/o Nawanagar, P.S- Bidupur, Vaishali, Bihar-844503

... .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. The Economic Offence Unit, Patna, Bihar

... .. Opposite Parties

Appearance :

For the Petitioner	:	Mr. Rishi Sinha, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Mohammed Arif, APP
For the EOU	:	Mr. Vishwanath Prasad Sinha, Senior Advocate
		Mr. Vijay Anand, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA SHEKHAR JHA
ORAL ORDER

9 21-08-2025 Heard Mr. Rishi Sinha, learned counsel for the

petitioner and Mr. Vishwanath Prasad Sinha, learned senior

counsel appearing for the Economic Offence Unit.

2. The accused/petitioner seeks bail in connection

with Economic Offence Case No.6 of 2024 registered for the

offences punishable under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-

B read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code (in short 'IPC'),

under Sections 3 and 10 of the Bihar Examination Conducting

Rules as well as Section 66 of the Information Technology

Act, 2000.

3. The accused/petitioner is not named in the FIR



and is in custody since 05.08.2024.

4. As per the case of prosecution, the Economic Offence Unit/E.O.U. Bihar received information that some persons involved in leaking the papers of Teachers Recruitment Examination-3 (TRE-3) held on 15.3.2024 by Bihar Public Service Commission. With aforesaid information, number of buses and scorpions were stopped at Rajauli, Nawada, Bihar and it was found that several students have set of question papers and accordingly, the places were raided and vehicles were seized and 250 persons were apprehended thereof. The mobile phone of the petitioner is alleged to have been recovered from the possession of co-accused Bishal Kumar, from which screen shots of whatsapp chats were also found regarding leakage of questions in document files.

5. It is submitted by learned counsel appearing for the petitioner that the name of petitioner transpired after recovery of the mobile from possession of other co-accused namely, Vishal Kumar @ Vishal Kumar Chaurasia. It is submitted that no incriminating materials appears recovered/surfaced from possession of this petitioner. It is



pointed out that considering the overall nature of accusation, several co-accused persons were granted bail by one of the learned co-ordinate Bench of this Court through Cr. Misc. Nos.54654 of 2024, 57835 of 2024, 59033 of 2024, 70519 of 2024, 80194 of 2024, 83521 of 2024 and 83919 of 2024 dated 20.01.2025 respectively. It is pointed out that the case of this petitioner is more or less on similar footing and, therefore, as a matter of judicial parity, he deserves bail. It is submitted that the petitioner has got clean antecedent.

6. Mr. Vishwanath Prasad Sinha, learned senior counsel while arguing on behalf of Economic Offence Unit submitted that the petitioner was actively involved in occurrence. However, he fairly conceded that several other co-accused persons, as submitted above, were granted bail by one of the learned co-ordinate Bench of this Court.

7. Taking note of aforesaid factual submissions and by taking note of fact as name of petitioner transpired in this case on the basis of recovery of mobile phone from co-accused Vishal Kumar @ Vishal Kumar Chaurasiya and during investigation *prima facie* no incriminating material appears



recovered/surfaced as to connect him with present occurrence, coupled with the fact that similarly situated co-accused persons have already granted bail by one of the learned co-ordinate Bench of this Court, where investigation of this case is already completed and petitioner remains in custody since 05.08.2024, accordingly, the petitioner, above-named, is directed to be released on bail furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned A.C.J.M.-I, Patna in connection with Economic Offence Unit Case No.6 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 437(3) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (for short 'CrPC')/under Section 480(3) of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (for short 'BNSS') and with further conditions:-

(i) That each of the bailor should be the family member/relative of the petitioner, who shall provide official document to show their *bona fide*;

(ii) That the petitioner shall appear on each and every date before the Trial Court failure to do so for two consecutive dates without plausible reason will entail cancellation of their bond by the Trial Court itself;



(iii) That the petitioner shall appear before the concerned police station every fortnight for next one year to mark their attendance;

(iv) That the petitioner shall in no way try to induce or promise or threat the witnesses or tamper with the evidences, failing which the State shall be at liberty to take steps for cancellation of the bail bonds;

(v) That the petitioner shall desist from committing any criminal offence again, failing which the State shall be at liberty to take steps for cancellation of bail bonds;

(vi) That if petitioner hold Indian Passport, he shall be duty bound to surrender the same before the learned Trial Court and if required, can prefer petition before the said court itself who will be well placed to decide on it; and

(vii) That if petitioner does not own the passport, an affidavit to this effect shall be filed along with the bail bond that the accused/petitioner do not hold any Indian Passport til the bail bond is being filed.

(Chandra Shekhar Jha, J.)

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