

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.32898 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-99 Year-2018 Thana- NIMCHAKBATHANI District- Gaya

Mantosh Kumar S/o Shri Vijay Mandal @ Vijay Manjhi, R/o vill - Tetua Tad Par, P.S.- Atri, Distt.- Gaya.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar.

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Aryan Singh, Advocate.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Abhay Kumar Roy, APP.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUNIL DUTTA MISHRA
ORAL ORDER

2 20-05-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in connection with Nimchak Bathani P.S. Case No.99 of 2018 instituted under Sections 379, 420, 465, 466, 467, 468 & 201 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. As per the prosecution case, the petitioner was authorized to make videography of the confidence motion of the special meeting called by the concerned Panchayat Samiti. The allegation against the petitioner is that he took his camera and removed the chip and thereafter put another chip, due to which there was no recording of the confidence motion.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submits that petitioner is a videographer and after the meeting, taking advantage of the chaos situation, someone



removed the chip of the videograph of the confidence motion and the petitioner was not involved in any offence as alleged. Learned counsel submits that the informant was fully aware about the incident that someone else has snatched the camera in his presence and there was no role of the petitioner in the said incident. Learned counsel submits that petitioner has no criminal antecedent and he undertakes to cooperate in the investigation.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and submissions of learned counsel for the parties, in the event of arrest or surrender before the Court below within six weeks from today, the petitioner be released on bail upon furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount to each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate-X, Gaya in connection with Nimchak Bathani P.S. Case No.99 of 2018, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sunil Dutta Mishra, J)

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