

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.39154 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-141 Year-2025 Thana- LAHERIMUHALLA District- Nalanda

Mahendra Mahto @ Mahendra Pd. Son of Late Tarachand Mahto Resident of
Mohalla- Mogalkuan, P.s.- Sohسرائ, Distt.- Nalanda

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar Bihar
2. Simran Kumari D/O- Late Jitendra Prasad R/O- Village- Gilani, P.S.-Sare,
P.s.- Sare, Distt.- Nalanda

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Raj Kishor Prasad

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Murli Dhar

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

2 07-07-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
A.P.P for the State.

2. The petitioner has preferred this application for grant of regular bail in connection with Laheri P.S. Case No. 141/2025 dated 27.03.2025 registered for the offence punishable u/s 82(2), 318(2), 127(2) and 61 of the B.N.S., Section 3, 4, 8 and 12 of the POCSO Act and Section 9 and 10 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, the petitioner and the co-accused persons are alleged to have cheated widow mother of the informant by concealing marital status of Jitendra Kumar (petitioner's son) and received Rs. 5 lacs as dowry.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious



possession of the petitioner. The petitioner is only made accused in this case because he is the father of the co-accused, Jitendra Kumar. There is a delay of 13 days in lodging the F.I.R. The allegation of acceptance of dowry of Rs. 5 lacs is baseless. There is no allegation of sexual assault or molestation against the petitioner. The petitioner has clean antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The petitioner is in custody since 28.03.2025.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has 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, Biharsharif, Nalanda in connection with Laheri P.S. Case No. 141/2025.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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