

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.41694 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-51 Year-2006 Thana- CHANDAN District- Banka

Sachin Kumar Barnwal @ Sachin Kumar Son of Lakshmi Prasad Varnawal @ Lakshmi Varnawal @ Laxmi Prasad Barnwal Resident of Village- Chandan, P.O. and P.S. Chandan, District- Banka, at present resident of K.V. -21, NH-2, Jagannathpuram, Barwadda, Panduki, Kubritanr, Bharwardaha, P.O. and P.S.- Nagnagar, District - Dhanbad (Jharkhand).

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Sanjay Kumar Jha, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Nawal Kishore Prasad, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY
ORAL ORDER

2 09-07-2025 Heard Mr. Sanjay Kumar Jha, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in connection with Chandan P.S. Case No. 51 of 2006, G.R. No. 1247/06) for the offence registered under Sections 436/34 of the IPC lodged on 18.10.2006 by the informant Govind Modi.

3. As per the prosecution story, the informant alleged that one of his son, Lakshmi Prasad Barnwal rented a grocery shop in the part of his residential land, took loan from the State Bank of India, Chandan, got the shop insured with Rs. 3,00,000/-. The informant matter shifted to Deoghar (Jharkhand) with family member while Lakshmi Prasad Barnwal and his son



Sachin Kumar Barnwal (the petitioner herein) established the shop. On 18.10.2006, the allegation is that both the father-son duo sprinkled petrol and put the shop on fire intentionally not only to get insurance amount but to cause harm to the house of the informant. The fire brigade came and extinguished the fire. This led to the FIR.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there is a case and counter case, it is the grandfather who has lodged FIR against him, their FIR shows that the grandfather and other family members put the shop on fire.

5. Learned APP for the State, on the other hand, opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail submitting that the FIR was lodged in the year 2006 and there has been inordinate delay in approaching the Patna High Court.

6. Whatever facts/allegation/documents may be on record including filing of the quashing application before this Court which was withdrawn on 14.05.2012 in Cr. Misc. No. 20010 of 2007, the fact remains that the FIR came to be lodged in the year 2006 by none else than the grandfather of the petitioner. The quashing application came to be withdrawn in the year 2012 and 13 years later, the present anticipatory bail application is filed, in this circumstances, this Court is not



inclined to extend relief to the petitioner.

7. The anticipatory bail application stands rejected.

8. If, however, the petitioner surrenders within four weeks from today and files bail application, the same shall be taken up on the materials/ facts on record and the concerned Court shall see to it that the bail petition is disposed of on the same day.

(Rajiv Roy, J)

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