

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.52664 of 2025**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-5 Year-2025 Thana- DARBHANGA SADAR District-  
Darbhanga

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Akash Kumar Mandal S/O Ram Balak Mandal R/O Mohalla- Laxmisagar,  
P.S.- Darbhanga Sadar, Dist.- Darbhanga

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar Patna
2. Dhaneshari Devi W/O Dinesh Mahto R/O Vill.- Dhoi, P.O.- Dhoi, P.S.-  
Darbhanga Sadar, Dist.- Darbhanga

... .. Opposite Party/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Dr Satyendra Kumar Shrivastava, Advocate  
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Shailendra Kumar Singh, App

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KHATIM REZA**  
**ORAL ORDER**

3      15-11-2025                                      Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and  
  
learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with  
  
Darbhanga Sadar P.S. Case No. 5 of 2025 dated 09.01.2025,  
  
instituted for the offence punishable under Sections 96 of the  
  
Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

3. The allegation against the petitioner is that he  
  
kidnapped 13 years old minor girl and solemnized marriage  
  
with her.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the  
  
petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this  
  
case. It is further submitted that petitioner has been made



accused in this case only on the basis of suspicion. It is next submitted that there is no eye witness to the alleged occurrence. Lastly, it has been submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 11.01.2025, having no criminal antecedents and charge-sheet has been submitted in the case.

5. Learned A.P.P. vehemently opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner and submitted that the petitioner kidnapped the victim, who is a minor girl aged about 13 years. It is further submitted that as per the birth certificate, the date of birth of the victim is 02.08.2013 i.e. about 12 years. Learned A.P.P. further submitted that the victim girl was recovered from the house of the petitioner and her statement was recorded before the learned Magistrate in which she supported the case of the prosecution. The doctor has assessed the age of the victim to be 14-15 years. It is also submitted that the petitioner is married with another women having one child from the wedlock.

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case and submissions of learned counsel for the parties, I am not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

7. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is hereby rejected.

8. However, the learned Trial Court is directed to



expedite the trial and take all endeavour to conclude the trial at the earliest, preferably, within a period of one (01) year from the date of receipt or production of a copy of this order.

**(Khatim Reza, J)**

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