

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL APPEAL (SJ) No.3674 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-96 Year-2024 Thana- HALSI District- Lakhisarai

Kaju Singh @ Kaju Kumar Son of Ramkumar Singh R/V- Village- Mohiya,
P.S.- Halsi, Distt.- Lakhisarai

... .. Appellant/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Sunil Paswan Son of Prasadha Pawan R/V- Village- Mohiya, P.S.- Halsi,
Distt.- Lakhisarai

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Appellant/s : Mr. Jitendra Sinha, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Sadanand Paswan, Spl. P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

3 07-11-2025 Heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned
Special Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. This appeal has been preferred against the order dated 06.07.2024 passed by the learned Court of Additional District & Sessions Judge-1st Cum Special Judge, S.C./S.T., Lakhisarai in connection with Halsi P.S. Case No. 96 of 2024, registered for the offences under Sections 341, 323, 307, 147 and 504 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3(i)(r), 3(i)(s) and 3(2)(va) of the S.C./S.T. (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, the appellant and others, in a drunken state, abused the informant by using his caste name and assaulted him, causing injury, and also attacked



those who came to his rescue.

4. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that the allegations made in the F.I.R. are general and omnibus in nature, and the appellant has been falsely implicated in this case. The specific allegations of assault and abuse are against two other co-accused persons. It is further submitted that no offence under the provisions of the S.C./S.T. (Prevention of Atrocities) Act is made out against the appellant. Hence, the application for anticipatory bail is maintainable. He further relies upon the judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the cases of ***Kiran Vs. Rajkumar Jivraj Jain and Anr.***, reported in **2025 INSC 1067**, and ***Hitesh Verma Vs. State of Uttarakhand***, reported in **(2020) 10 SCC 710**.

5. Learned counsel for the informant has opposed the prayer for bail.

6. From a perusal of the FIR, it does not appear that the alleged offence was committed against the informant on the ground that he belongs to the S.C./S.T. community.

7. In these circumstances, and considering the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Kiran Vs. Rajkumar Jivraj Jain and Anr. (supra)*** and ***Hitesh Verma Vs. State of Uttarakhand (supra)***, this application for anticipatory bail is



held to be maintainable.

8. Considering the rival submissions of the parties, this appeal is allowed, and accordingly, the order dated 06.07.2024 passed by the learned Court of Additional District & Sessions Judge-1st Cum Special Judge, S.C./S.T., Lakhisarai in connection with Halsi P.S. Case No. 96 of 2024 is set aside.

9. Let the appellant, in the event of his arrest or surrender within four weeks from today, be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Court of Additional District & Sessions Judge-1st-cum-Special Judge, S.C./S.T., Lakhisarai/ concerned Court below in connection with Halsi P.S. Case No. 96 of 2024, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal/ Section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S.

(Sandeep Kumar, J)

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