

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.61339 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-187 Year-2023 Thana- GOGRI District- Khagaria

Chandan Kumar @ Chhotelal aged about 21 years, male, S/O late Dukhi Sah
R/O Vill.- Mushkipur, P.S.- Gogri, Dist.- Khagaria

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Prem Kumar, aged about not known , female, S/O late Nandan Prasad R/O
Vill.- Shargarh, P.S.- Gogri, Dist.- Khagaria

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ram Sumiran Rai, Advocate

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

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KHATIM REZA
ORAL ORDER

5 21-11-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2.The petitioner renews his prayer for regular bail in
Gogri P.S. Case No. 187 of 2023, dated 05.06.2023, registered
under Sections 366(A) and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, on the
ground of prolonged incarceration since 06.09.2023 and the
absence of any criminal antecedents.

3. Earlier, the petitioner's bail application was
rejected vide order dated 12-07-2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No.
45899 of 2024 (Annexure 1).



4. This Court, *vide* order dated 19-09-2025, had called for a report from the Court below regarding the present stage of the trial. Pursuant thereto, the learned Special Judge, POCSO Act-cum-District and Additional Sessions Judge-VI, Khagaria, has furnished a report *vide* Letter No. 160/2025 dated 13.10.2025, stating therein that out of the eight charge-sheeted witnesses, seven prosecution witnesses have already been examined and only the Investigating Officer remains to be examined. The report further reveals that the estimated time for conclusion of the trial is within six months.

5. Having regard to the fact that the victim is a minor girl aged about 16 years, and the allegations against the petitioner stand *prima facie* corroborated by her statement recorded under Section 164 CrPC as well as the statement of the Trial Court that the proceedings are likely to conclude within six months, this Court does not find it a fit case to extend the privilege of bail to the petitioner at this stage.

6. The prayer for bail is rejected.

(Khatim Reza, J)

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