

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.69002 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-358 Year-2024 Thana- HILSA District- Nalanda

1. Sindhu Paswan Son of Nawal Paswan Resident of Village- Indaut Ward no. 1, Police Station -Hilsa , District -Nalanda
2. Dharmvir Vind @ Dharmvir Kumar @ Dharmvir Kumar Vind Son of Rajkishor Vind Resident of Village- Indaut Ward no. 1, Police Station -Hilsa , District -Nalanda
3. Kedar Nath Verma @ Kedar Nath Sharma Son of Giridhari Mahto Resident of Village- Indaut Ward no. 1, Police Station -Hilsa , District -Nalanda
4. Nitish Kumar @ Nitish Patel Son of Anandi Prasad Resident of Village- Indaut Ward no. 1, Police Station -Hilsa , District -Nalanda
5. Rajesh Kumar @ Raje Kumar Son of Surendra Prasad @ Surendra Raut @ Budhawa Resident of Village- Indaut Ward no. 1, Police Station -Hilsa , District -Nalanda

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Akash Kumar Gupta, Assistant Electric Engineer, Electric Supply, Sub Division Hilsa, District -Nalanda Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Ravi Shanker Pankaj, Adv.
For the State	:	Mr. Chandra Bhushan Prasad, APP
For the SBPDCL	:	Mr. Deepak Kumar, Adv.

CORAM: HONOURABLE JUSTICE SMT. SONI SHRIVASTAVA
ORAL ORDER

5 10-07-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners, learned APP for the State and learned counsel appearing for the SBPDCL (opposite party no.2).

2. The petitioners apprehend their arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under Sections 147, 148, 149, 341, 323, 332, 379, 353, 427, 337 of the Indian Penal Code.



3. The allegation in the FIR is that when the Government agency had gone for the installation of meters, the villagers protested against the officials and the named accused persons along with 30-40 unknown persons indulged in stone pelting and around forty meters were snatched and damaged.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that it would be evident from the FIR itself that there is a general and omnibus allegation on several persons that they have caused protest against the officials and the names of these petitioners surfaces in the FIR as they were the ones who are known and who have valid meters. It is further submitted that no injury was caused to anyone in the entire occurrence and the petitioners have no criminal antecedent as mentioned in para 3 of the bail application.

5. Learned APP for the State and learned counsel appearing for the opposite party no.2, however, oppose the prayer for anticipatory bail on the ground that damage has been caused to the property of the department which would cost around Rs. 2 lacs.

6. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners make an offer that all the five petitioners are ready to deposit Rs. 40,000.00/- (Rupees Forty Thousand) each in order to cover for



the damage caused and once the same is done, it is submitted on behalf of the opposite party no.2 that they would not be interested in pursuing the case any further.

7. Considering such submissions and also the facts and circumstances of the case, let the petitioners, above named, in the event of their arrest or surrender before the Court below within four weeks, be released on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned lower Court where the case is pending/successor Court in connection with Hilsa P.S. Case No. 358 of 2024, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C/ 482 (2) of the BNSS, 2023.

8. However, before accepting the bail bonds, the learned Court concerned would be satisfied on the fact that Rs. 40,000.00/- (Rupees Forty Thousand) has been paid by each of the petitioners.

9. Accordingly, the application is disposed of.

(Soni Shrivastava, J)

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