

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.68978 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-427 Year-2017 Thana- SAKRA District- Muzaffarpur

Karelal Mandal S/O Tarni Mandal R/O Village- Tinranga, P.S.- Gopalpur,
District- Bhagalpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ravi Ranjan, Advocate

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

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RUDRA PRAKASH
MISHRA**

ORAL ORDER

3 19-11-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP
for the State. Perused the case diary.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Sakra
P.S. Case No. 427 of 2017 instituted for the offence under
Sections 363, 365, 370, 420, 120(B) & 34 of the Indian Penal
Code and Sections 5/6 of the Immoral Traffic Act.

3. Prosecution case, in a nutshell, is that petitioner
along with co-accused kidnapped the informant and her
neighbour, whereafter sold them to the co-accused with bad
intentions.

4. It has been submitted on behalf of the petitioner
that the petitioner is in custody since 21.05.2025. Petitioner
bears one criminal antecedent, as per disclosure made in



paragraph No. 3 of the bail application.

5. It has been further submitted by the petitioner's counsel that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the FIR is vague and unreliable as the informant has not mentioned petitioner's parentage, despite there being four persons named Karelal Mandal in the same village, making proper identification impossible. He further submits that he was earlier arrested and released on bail in another case and had no knowledge of the present case, nor was any effort made by police for his remand. Even if the allegations are assumed true, no offence under the Immoral Traffic Act is made out, as the women were allegedly taken for marriage, not for prostitution.

6. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner. It is fervently submitted that victims in her statements recorded under Section 164 of the Cr.P.C., have clearly supported the prosecution case. Charge sheet has already been submitted in this case under Sections 363, 365, 370, 420, 120(B) & 34 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 5/6 of the Immoral Traffic Act.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case as also there being direct allegation against the



petitioner, which is corroborated by the statements of the victim recorded under Sections 164 of the Cr.P.C., this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner is hereby *rejected*.

8. The Trial Court is directed to expedite the trial as expeditiously as possible without any undue delay and unnecessary adjournments.

(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)

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