

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.69717 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-69 Year-2025 Thana- CHANAN District- Lakhisarai

Sonu Saw @ Sonu Raj s/o Rajgir Saw R/O Vill.- Mananpur Bazar, P.S.-
Chanan, Dist.- Lakhisarai.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Umesh Prasad

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Nand Kishore Prasad

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NAWNEET KUMAR
PANDEY**

ORAL ORDER

2 14-10-2025 Heard the learned counsel on behalf of the petitioner
and the learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in connection with Chanan P.S. Case No. 69 of 2025 registered for the offence punishable under Sections 191(2), 191(3), 190, 126(2), 115(2), 118(1), 352, 351(2), 132, 324(2), 303(2), 109 of the B.N.S. and Section 03 of the Damage of Public Property Act.

3. As per the allegation made in the FIR, the petitioner along with FIR named accused persons vandalized the government property and also assaulted the officials of the Electricity Department, which put loss of rupees one lakh to the government and the power holding company.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the



petitioner submitted that petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the present case. Petitioner is named in the FIR but allegation against him is general and omnibus. Petitioner is consumer of electricity and due to frequent power cut, he along with other co-accused persons and co-villagers, had went to make complaint, to which, the officials of the Electricity Department gave no notice and had become violent against the petitioner and other accused persons, in which the petitioner, in his self defense, may have caused some injury to the injured person. Petitioner has clean antecedent. He has also submitted that on exactly similar footing, co-accused Umesh Kumar @ Umesh Prasad Gupta has been granted anticipatory bail by a coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 09.09.2025 in Cr. Misc. No. 55757 of 2025.

5. Learned APP for the State has opposed the prayer for bail.

6. Considering the rival submissions made on behalf of the parties, as well as, the allegation being general and omnibus against the petitioner. The deficiency on the part of the Electricity Department is evident, as has been admitted in the FIR itself. Petitioner has clean antecedent. I am of the opinion that petitioner has, prima facie, made out a case to be released on pre-arrest bail.



7. The petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on pre-arrest bail, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the learned District Court within a period of four weeks from today, on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned A.C.J.M.-1st, Lakhisarai, in connection with Chanan P.S. Case No. 69 of 2025, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

8. The learned court below is directed to verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner as stated in paragraph no. 3 of the bail application. If any other case is pending against the petitioner as what has been stated in paragraph no. 3, this order will lose its force automatically

(Nawneet Kumar Pandey, J)

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