

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.76425 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-318 Year-2025 Thana- BAIKUNTHPUR District- Gopalganj

Manish Kumar S/o Lalan Ray R/o Village- Sonwaila, P.S.- Baikunthpur,
District- Gopalganj

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Raj Kishor Kumar, A.S.I. Baikunthpur Police Station, District- Gopalganj
Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Naresh Prasad, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Umeshanand Pandit, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR PANDEY
ORAL ORDER

2 19-11-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner has prayed for regular bail in a case registered for the offence punishable under sections 79, 98, 111, 143, 145, 99, 96, 296 and 3(5) of B.N.S. and Sections 13/14 of POCSO Act, Section 79 of the J.J. Act and Sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was running an orchestra and from his group, two girls were recovered. It is alleged that those girls were subjected to physical and sexual cruelty if they refused perform. From perusal of the order of the learned trial court, it is clear that the



victims have made their statement under Section 180 of BNSS and they have supported the allegations made in FIR.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner runs orchestra and the girls were hired only for performing at that orchestra. A statement has been made in para-3 of this petition that the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent. Moreover, he is languishing in judicial custody since 04.09.2025.

5. Learned APP appearing for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer of regular bail.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. The above named petitioner is directed to be released on bail in connection with Baikunthpur P.S. Case No. 318 of 2025 on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned District Additional Sessions Judge-VI-cum-Special Judge POCSO, Gopalganj.

(Ashok Kumar Pandey, J)

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