

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.1185 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-237 Year-2023 Thana- SANOKHAR District- Bhagalpur

Manjoo Devi W/O Manoj Mandal Resident Of Village - Rabbidih, P.S-
Amdanda, Dist- Bhagalpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. The South Bihar Power Distribution Company limited Bailey Road, Patna
Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Ajit Kumar, APP
For the O.P. No.2	:	Mr. Vikash Chandra Srivastava, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PURNENDU SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 05-02-2025 Heard Mr. Pankaj Kumar, learned counsel appearing
on behalf of the petitioner; Mr. Ajit Kumar learned APP for the
State and Mr. Vikash Chandra Srivastava, learned counsel for
O.P. No.2.

2. The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in connection
with Sanokhar (Amdanda) P.S. Case No. 237/2023 registered
for the offence(s) punishable under Section 135 of the Indian
Electricity Act.

3. As per the allegation made in the FIR, due to theft
of electricity by the petitioner, the South Bihar Power
Distribution Company Limited has suffered a loss of
Rs.2,03,130/-.



4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that FIR has been lodged to pressurize the petitioner to deposit the alleged amount of money of Rs.2,03,130/- on account of loss caused to the South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited. The offence is compoundable.

5. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of pre-arrest bail and submitted that the offence is compoundable and petitioner may get the same compounded as per the provision of Section 135 of Indian Electricity Act.

6. Learned APP for the State has also vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of pre-arrest bail.

7. Considering the nature of allegation made in the FIR, as well as, the offence being compoundable, the petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on pre-arrest bail, for availing the remedy as contained in Section 135 of the Indian Electricity Act, 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 Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Bhagalpur in connection with Sanokhar (Amdanda) P.S. Case
No. 237/2023, subject to the conditions as laid down under
Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

8. The bail application stands disposed of.

(Purnendu Singh, J)

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