

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.12692 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-257 Year-2024 Thana- RAMGARH District- Kaimur (Bhabua)

Manish Kumar Pasi @ Manish Kumar @ Manish Pasi S/O Shri Murari Pasi
Resident of Village- Isari, P.S- Ramgarh, District- Kaimur (Bhabua).

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Raju Kumar S/O Chhilu Ram R/O Village- Ramgarh, P.S- Ramgarh, Distt.- Kaimur (Bhabua).

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Manish Kumar No.13, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mrs. Madhuri Lata, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE JUSTICE SMT. SONI SHRIVASTAVA

ORAL ORDER

2 18-02-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in a case registered for the offence punishable under Sections 65(1) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 4 of the POCSO Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, the petitioner in association of other co-accused is said to have forcibly taken the victim girls in a tempo by making the daughter of the informant unconscious and, subsequently, the accused persons had committed rape with these girls.

4. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner had earlier approached this Court



for grant of anticipatory bail, which was rejected vide order dated 16.07.2025 passed in Cr. Misc. No.82258 of 2024, whereafter the Hon'ble Supreme Court also dismissed his appeal on 07.11.2025. Thereafter, on 08.12.2025, the petitioner surrendered in the present case. It is further submitted that the petitioner and several others had been made accused in this case and relying on the statements of one of the victim the name of this petitioner has transpired in this case. However, it is pointed out that two other co-accused persons of this case faced trial in POCSO Case No.66/2024 and by the judgment dated 03.12.2025, they were acquitted on the ground that there was no credible evidence on record which would suggest that the accused persons had kidnapped any of the victim girls with intention that victim girls would be forced or seduced to illicit intercourse with anyone. Most of the victims including who has taken the name of this petitioner, has not supported the case of the prosecution at all and has been declared hostile. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent and has been languishing in custody since 08.12.2025.

5. Learned APP for the State opposed the bail petition.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and



circumstances of the case and also considering the fact that other co-accused persons have been acquitted of the charges after facing full fledged trial and the victims of the case have not supported the case of the prosecution coupled with the fact that the chargesheet has been submitted against the petitioner who has no criminal antecedent, the above named petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Court below where the case is pending/successor Court in connection with POCSO Case No.66 of 2024, arising out of Ramgarh P.S. Case No.257 of 2024, subject to the conditions that the petitioner shall remain physically present in court on each and every date during trial and in the event of failure on two consecutive dates without sufficient reasons, his bail bonds shall be liable to be cancelled by the learned court concerned. The learned Trial Court is also directed to proceed with the case expeditiously without granting any unnecessary adjournments.

(Soni Shrivastava, J)

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