

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.14355 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-193 Year-2025 Thana- MUZAFFARPUR RAIL P.S. District-
Saran

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Lal Bihari Kumar @ Lal Bihari Kuar S/o Jokhu Manjhi Resident of Village-
Khaira Tola, Ward No 16, PS- Nautan, District- Bettiah

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Yashraj Bardhan, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mrs. Pronoti Singh, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE JUSTICE SMT. SONI SHRIVASTAVA
ORAL ORDER

2 25-02-2026 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 Section 79 of J.J. Act and u/s 3 and 14
of the Child Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation)
Act, 1986.

3. As per the prosecution case, the informant along
with other police officials on getting confidential information
about human trafficking reached Muzaffarpur Platform and
found some children seated in the train. On enquiring they
disclosed that accused persons including petitioner were taking
the children to Vijaywada for work of an under construction
over bridge.



4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation of trafficking of children made under section 143 (5) of BNS for the purposes of getting labour work done from them is absolutely false and concocted and as a matter of fact the petitioner himself is a student and he was going to his father when the parents of the adolescent victim had asked him to take them along with him to his father's place for the purposes of some employment opportunities for them. It is also pointed out that the children were aged about 15-16 years for whom even according to Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 employment at Hazardous places is only prohibited and not that any other employment is prohibited. In any view of the matter, the petitioner was only trying to help the parents of these children and this fact has been supported by the statement of the children recorded during course of investigation in paragraph nos. 72 to 77 where they have clearly stated that no allurements were provided by the petitioner in this regard. Further the petitioner, having no criminal antecedent, is in custody since 09.09.2025 and the charges have already been framed on 18.12.2025 and the case is now at the stage of prosecution evidence. It is pointed out that the similarly situated co-accused, Arvind Kumar has already been granted bail by this Court vide



order dated 19.02.2026 passed in Cr. Misc. No.80000 of 2025.

5. Learned APP for the State opposes the grant of bail.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances and considering the fact that the petitioner was only taking the children along with him to his father's house and there is no complaint during course of investigation by parents of such children and further charges have already been framed, let the above named petitioner, be released 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 /concerned Court below in connection with Muzaffarpur G.R. P.S. Case No. 193 of 2025/concerned court below.

7. It is pointed out that the case is now pending before the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge-17, Muzaffarpur and as such the bail bonds shall be furnished at the place where the case is presently pending.

(Soni Shrivastava, J)

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