

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.18786 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-385 Year-2025 Thana- ASHTHAWAN District- Nalanda

Manish Paswan @ Manish Kumar Son of Shri Ramphal Paswan Resident of
Village -Deshna PS- Asthawan District- Nalanda

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Chameli Devi, wife of Sunil Ravidas Resident of Village - Deshna, P.S. -
Asthawan, Nalanda

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s :	Mr. Pramod Kumar Sinha, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s :	Mr. Rana Randhir Singh, APP
	Mr. Bindeswari Singh, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY
ORAL ORDER

3 07-05-2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The petitioner has preferred this application for grant of regular bail in connection with Asthawan P.S. Case no.385 of 2025 registered under sections 137(2) and 140(3) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. As per the prosecution case, the informant states that his 15 year old minor daughter was taken away by the petitioner for the purpose of marriage.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case. It is a case of love affair between the parties. The daughter of the informant returned and her statement was recorded under section 183 of the B.N.S.S wherein she has not supported the prosecution case.



She has categorically stated therein that she was in love with the petitioner and it was she who called him, both of them went away and married. On learning about the lodging of the instant case, they returned. The petitioner is in custody since 6.12.2025 and has no criminal antecedent.

5. Heard learned A.P.P for the State and learned counsel for the informant.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the allegations in the FIR, the material that has transpired in course of investigation especially the statement of the daughter of the informant recorded under section 183 of the B.N.S.S wherein she does not support the prosecution case together with the petitioner having remained in custody since 6.12.2025, the petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in connection with Asthawan P.S. Case no.385 of 2025 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 Additional Sessions Judge-VII-cum-Special Judge (POCSO), Nalanda at Biharsharif.

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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