

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.18646 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-209 Year-2023 Thana- HALSI District- Lakhisarai

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Santosh Yadav @ Santosh Kumar S/O Saryug Yadav R/O Vill.- Dhira, P.S.-
Halsi, Dist.- Lakhisarai.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Rabi Bhushan, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ganesh Prasad Singh, APP

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RUDRA PRAKASH
MISHRA**

ORAL ORDER

3 01-05-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Halsi P.S.
Case No. 209 of 2023 instituted for the offences under Sections
341, 302, 120B, 34 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 27 of
the Arms Act.

3. Earlier, vide order dated 31.01.2025 passed in Cr.
Misc. No. 73208 of 2024, regular bail of the petitioner was
rejected by this Court considering the nature of accusation and
gravity of offence.

4. In compliance of the order dated 18.03.2026 a report



dated 18.04.2026 with regard to the present stage of trial has been received. From perusal of the aforesaid report, it appears that 12 witnesses are yet to be examined. It is further appears that trial is expected to be concluded in the next 6-12 months.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been languishing in judicial custody since 19.09.2023 without any justifiable cause. It is further submitted that there has been no progress in the trial owing to the non-appearance of the co-accused, namely, Upendra Kumar. Learned counsel, therefore, prays that the trial of the petitioner be bifurcated from that of the said co-accused.

6. Learned APP for the State opposes the prayer for grant of bail.

7. Upon consideration of the submissions made and materials available on record, this Court finds that no fresh ground has been made out to consider the bail petition of the petitioner.

8. Accordingly, the prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner stands rejected.

9. However, in the interest of justice, the learned Trial Court is directed to bifurcate the trial of the petitioner from that of the co-accused, Upendra Kumar, and to proceed with and



conclude the same expeditiously, without granting any undue or unnecessary adjournments.

(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)

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