

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.18582 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-641 Year-2024 Thana- SIKARPUR District- West Champaran

Ashraf Sheikh @ Araraf Sheikh S/o Sheikh Jahangir @ Shekh Jahangir @ Sheikh Jhangir R/o Village- Pipra Dewaliya, P.S- Shikarpur, Dist- West Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ashish Ranjan Garg, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mrs. Renu Kumari, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RUDRA PRAKASH MISHRA

ORAL ORDER

2 18-03-2026 Heard Mr. Ashish Ranjan Garg, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mrs. Renu Kumari, learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Shikarpur P.S. Case No. 641 of 2024, instituted for the offences under Section 137(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and later on Sections 103, 238, 61(2) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 were added.

3. This is the second attempt of the petitioner for bail. The petitioner has renewed his prayer for grant of regular bail which was earlier rejected by this Court vide order dated 19.08.2025 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 39881 of 2025 taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offence.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the



petitioner is languishing in judicial custody since 21.09.2024 without any rhymes or reason and has got no criminal antecedent. It is further submitted that the trial is in progress and out of eight charge-sheeted witnesses, only three witnesses have been examined in this case.

6. Learned APP for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner.

7. There is no new ground to consider the bail petition of the petitioner. From the aforesaid report, it appears that the trial is going on.

8. In view of the above, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is again rejected with a direction to the court below to expedite the trial and conclude the same preferably within a period of three months from today. If the trial is not concluded within the period of three months, as stated above, the petitioner will be at liberty to renew his prayer before the court below.

(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)

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