

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.20907 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-292 Year-2023 Thana- SALIMPUR District- Patna

Sudesh Kumar S/o Bishram Singh R/o Village - Bidhuna, P.S - Bidhuna,
District - Auraiya, State - U.P

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Pipelines Division, Barauni, Kanpur Pipeline Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Ashok Kumar Kashyap, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Jharkhandi Upadhyay, APP
For the IOC	:	Mr. Raj Kumar, Advocate
		Mr. Sarrottam Kumar, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 02-04-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner; learned APP
for the State and learned counsel for the Indian Oil Corporation.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Salimpur P.S. Case No. 292 of 2023 registered for the offence punishable under Sections 285, 427, 120(B) of the Indian Penal Code; Sections 15(2) and 15(4) of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipe Line Act; Section 3 and 4 of the Prevention of Damage of Public Property Act and Section 7 of the E.C. Act.

3. The allegation against the petitioner is of committing theft in the oil pipeline belonging to the Indian Oil Corporation.

4. The petitioner is in custody since 22.03.2024 and



is accused in 16 more cases of similar and serious nature.

5. Learned counsel for the Indian Oil Corporation and learned APP for the State have vehemently opposed the prayer for the bail.

6. Considering the serious allegation against the petitioner and his antecedents, I am not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the application stands dismissed.

8. It is, however, clarified that the observations made herein are limited to the adjudication of the present bail application and shall not prejudice the case of the petitioner at any subsequent stage of the trial and this Court has not express any opinion on the merits of the case.

(Sandeep Kumar, J)

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