

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.25273 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-179 Year-2025 Thana- MANSI District- Khagaria

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Bhanu Kumar S/o Santosh Kumar Mahto Permanent R/o Village- Dhruvganj,
P.S.- Kharik Bazar, District- Bhagalpur, (Although in FIR address is
mentioned as Vill- Choti Balha, P.S.- Mansi, District- Khagaria)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Indal Kumar S/o Late Nathuni Mahto R/o Vill- Choti Balha, P.S.- Mansi,
District- Khagaria

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Samrendra Kumar Jha, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Uma Shankar Prasad Singh, A.P.P.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 17-04-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in a case
registered for the offences punishable under Sections 137(2),
140(3), 87 and 3(5) of the BNS, 2023.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and is a young boy
aged about 19 years and the informant alleges that his niece was
kidnapped by the accused persons.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner and the victim were in love and they eloped. It is
further submitted that the entire family members came to be



implicated. It is next submitted that the date of occurrence is 11.07.2025 and the FIR came to be instituted on 21.07.2025, i.e., after a delay of more than ten days for the reason that informant was aware that victim was not kidnapped, rather had eloped with the petitioner. It is also submitted that victim came back and her statement was recorded under Sections 180 and 183 BNSS. It is submitted that victim in her statement recorded under Section 180 BNSS has not supported the case of the prosecution but then in her statement recorded under Section 183 BNSS the victim stated that accused persons kidnapped her but then has not even remotely suggested that she was physically exploited which amply demonstrates that under parental pressure the statement under Section 183 BNSS was recorded. It is further submitted that on the date when the statement of the victim was recorded under Section 183 BNSS she was a major. It is next submitted that if in the nature of allegation as alleged in the FIR and the material which has transpired during the course of investigation if the petitioner is sent to judicial custody his entire career would be jeopardized and chances are bright that he may come in contact with hardened criminal.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for



anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and taking into consideration the age of the petitioner, let the petitioner, above-named, in the event of his arrest or surrender within a period of six weeks from today, be released on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court where the case is pending/Successor Court in connection with Mansi P.S. Case No. 179 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C./482(2) of the B.N.S.S.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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