

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.26931 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-365 Year-2025 Thana- RANIYATALAB District- Patna

Santu Kumar Son of Rudal Paswan R/O Village- Kab, P.S.- Rani Talab,
District- Patna (Bihar)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar

2. X Son of Y R/O Village- Kab, P.S.- Rani Talab, District- Patna (Bihar)

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Amit Kumar, Advocate

For the State : Mr.Bharat Bhushan, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

2 22-04-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with
Ranitalab P.S. Case No. 365 of 2025 registered for the offence
punishable under Sections 137(2), 96 of the Bharatiya Nyaya
Sanhita and Sections 8 and 12 of the POCSO Act.

3. The petitioner is accused of kidnapping the minor
victim.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this
case. The petitioner is in custody since 28.09.2025. learned
counsel for the petitioner has further relied upon the statement
of the victim girl recorded under Section 180 of the BNSS.

5. Learned APP appearing for the State opposes the



prayer for regular bail of the petitioner.

6. From the statement of the victim girl, it appears that the petitioner and the victim were in a consensual relationship.

7. Considering the aforesaid and the period of custody, this application is allowed.

8. Let the petitioner, above named, be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned District & Additional Sessions Judge-VII-cum-Exclusive Special Judge POCSO, Patna/ concerned Court in connection with Ranitalab P.S. Case No. 365 of 2025.

9. A copy of the statement of the victim girl recorded under Section 180 of the BNSS produced by the learned counsel for the petitioner is taken on record.

10. 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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