

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.26939 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-191 Year-2024 Thana- SURSAND District- Sitamarhi

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Raunak Kumar @ Raunak Mandal S/O Khelawan Mandal Resident Of
Village- Gopalpur, P.s- Sursand, Dist.- Sitamarhi

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State Of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Syed Mojibur Rahman, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DR. ANSHUMAN
ORAL ORDER

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

2. The petitioner who apprehends arrest in connection
with Sursand P.S. Case No. 191 of 2024 lodged on 22.04.2024,
for the offences punishable under sections 364, 34 Indian Penal
Code.

3. The accusation against the petitioner is that he,
along with others, kidnapped the son of the informant at
gunpoint for the purpose of ransom.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is innocent and has not committed any offence. It is
contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the
present case without any cogent material. The petitioner has no
connection whatsoever with the co-accused, who has allegedly



named him, nor with the motorcycle said to have been used in the commission of the alleged occurrence. It is further submitted that the entire story of kidnapping is fabricated, and in fact, the alleged victim himself concocted the story with an ulterior motive to extract money from his mother. The only basis for implicating the petitioner is that he is an accused in two other criminal cases, which cannot be a ground to deny bail in the present matter.

5. Learned APP for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for bail and submits that the petitioner has been named in the case on the basis of the confessional statement of co-accused, namely, Manish Mandal. It is further submitted that the motorcycle allegedly used in the commission of the offence has been recovered from the house of the petitioner, which prima facie establishes his involvement in the occurrence.

6. In this background, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner in connection with Sursand P.S. Case No. 191/2024, pending before the learned SDJM, Pupri at Sitamarhi is hereby rejected.

7. However, if the petitioner surrenders before the Trial Court within six weeks from today, the Trial Court is



directed to pass an order on his surrender-cum-bail application on the same day, without being prejudiced by the fact that the petitioner’s anticipatory bail has been rejected by this Court.

(Dr. Anshuman, J)

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