IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.48355 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC010400242026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-63 Year-2025 Thana- MANER District- Patna

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Govind Kumar Son of Late Raj Kumar Rai Resident of Gangajal Tola, Police Station - Sonepur, District - Chhapra.

... ... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. XXX Daughter of YYY R/o village - Chhitnama, P.S.- Maner, District - Patna.

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Arbind Kumar, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Ganesh Prasad Singh, A.P.P.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

5 29-10-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned APP for the State. Perused the Case diary.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Special (POCSO Act) Case No. 186 of 2025, arising out of Maner P.S. Case No. 63 of 2025, instituted for the offences under Sections 137(2) , 96 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 9 and 10 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act.

3. The prosecution case, in brief, is that the informant’s minor daughter used to attend coaching classes daily at about 10:00 A.M. and return home at around 12:00 noon. On 22.01.2025, she went to the market at about 1:00 P.M.,

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but she did not return home. Thereafter, the informant made an extensive search for her and came to know that the petitioner had allegedly lured the informant's minor daughter away and taken her to some unknown place. It is further alleged that the victim and the petitioner were acquainted with each other, as the petitioner used to visit his sister's house.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 29.03.2025 and has no criminal antecedents. It is also submitted that the victim is aged about 18 years and charges have already been framed against the petitioner. Learned counsel lastly submits that the victim had eloped with the petitioner and solemnized marriage with him of her own free will.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner.

6. No one appears on behalf of learned counsel for the informant in spite of service of notice.

7. Having heard the parties and taking into consideration the fact that Charges have been framed and keeping in view the statement of victim recorded u/s 183 of the

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BNSS, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

8. Let the petitioner be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of Court below/concerned Court in connection with Special (POCSO Act) Case No. 186 of 2025, arising out of Maner P.S. Case No. 63 of 2025.

(Alok Kumar, J)

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