

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.29921 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-7 Year-2026 Thana- Cyber P.S. District- Begusarai

Pranav Suman @ Pranav Mishra S/o Suman Kumar Mishra Resident of
Village- Kaithahi, Mahabir Mandir Kaithahi, P.S.- Rajnagar, District-
Madhubani, Presently residing at Gharudaaur Road, Rajiv Nagar, Road No. 26,
P.S.- Rajiv Nagar, Dist.- Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. x S/o Y R/o Dr. M.N. Ray Gali, Vishunpur, Beugsarai

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Shashi Sharma, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Chandra Bhushan Prasad, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

3 12-05-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr. Chandra Bhushan Prasad, learned A.P.P. for the State and learned counsel appearing on behalf of the informant.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under Sections 77, 78, 318(4), 319(2) of the BNS, Section 66(D) of the IT Act as well as Section 12 of the POCSO Act.

3. The Investigating Officer of the case and the informant, in compliance of the order dated 05.05.2026, are present in the Court.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submtis that though father of the petitioner was not called but then he has also come to witness the proceeding, thus,



is in the Court.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and is a young boy aged about 18 years and the informant alleges that petitioner was friend of his sister for the last three years and from 10.12.2025 petitioner was pressurizing his sister to accept his proposal, when she objected, the petitioner threatened to slit his hand and on 10.12.2025, at 6:47 p.m., the petitioner sent photograph of his slit hand and threatened to commit suicide. It is further alleged that his sister was contacted through a fake telegram account on 29.12.2025 and from the same account morphed photo of his sister was sent on her telegram ID with a threat that the picture would be sent to her parents. It is next alleged that on 30.12.2025, at 10:23 p.m., the morphed photograph of his sister was sent to her father on his mobile number from Mobile No. 9135153812 and the same photograph was sent to her friend Aditi, on enquiry, it transpired that the morphed picture was sent from the mobile of the petitioner's father.

6. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that from perusal of the allegation as alleged in the FIR, it would manifest that informant, who is brother of



the victim, alleges that petitioner and the victim were friends for the last three years and the petitioner was requesting the victim to accept his proposal and even threatened that if his proposal is not accepted he will commit suicide and in lieu thereof also slit his hand and sent the said picture. It is further submitted that the FIR does not disclose as to what proposal the petitioner was requesting the victim to accept but then the fact which stands admitted is that petitioner and the victim were known to each other. It is next submitted that by way of annexure-2 series to the anticipatory bail application, the achievement of the petitioner has been annexed and from perusal of the same, it would manifest that petitioner has a brilliant academic record. It is also submitted that petitioner did not like the victim wearing a particular type of dress, hence, he sent her photograph on the mobile of her parents only with an intent to ensure that father of the victim scolds her. It is further submitted that the picture of the victim has not been made viral on any social media. It is next submitted that if the petitioner is sent to judicial custody, in that event, his entire career would get jeopardized and chances are bright that he may come in contact with hardened criminals. It is reiterated and submitted that the picture of the victim has not been made viral on the social media, rather it was only sent



to her parents and a friend Aditi, this amply demonstrates that petitioner never had any intention to bring disrepute to the victim.

7. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the informant opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner and submits that had the picture, which was sent on the mobile of the father of the victim, been a genuine photograph, in that event, what is being submitted by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner could have been accepted but then the photograph of the victim is AI generated, which amply demonstrates that petitioner for ulterior reason sent the said picture to the father of the victim which caused mental agony to the victim and her family members.

8. On query of the Court from the Investigating Officer of the case as to whether, the photograph sent on the mobile of the father of the victim is AI generated or original, the Investigating Officer fairly submits that till now, it cannot be ascertained that the picture is AI generated and investigation in that respect is continuing.

9. Mr. Chandra Bhushan Prasad, learned A.P.P. for the State, at this stage, submits that since investigation of the case is going on and the petitioner is in a vulnerable age and the



photograph has not been made viral on the social media, if petitioner is sent to judicial custody, in that event, it has been rightly submitted by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner that he may come in contact with hardened criminals and his entire career would get jeopardized.

10. The Court had not called the father of the petitioner but then he has come *suo motu* and based on his instruction, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that she has instruction to make submission that father of the petitioner will take the entire responsibility of his child and will ensure that in future no such occurrence is committed.

11. The Court takes the submission made on behalf of the father of the petitioner through his learned counsel seriously and to be sacrosanct.

12. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties, 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 Begusarai Cyber



P.S. Case No. 07 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C./482(2) of the B.N.S.S.

13. One of the bailors of the petitioner shall be his father, namely, Suman Kumar Mishra.

14. The personal appearance of the Investigating Officer of the case is dispensed with.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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