

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL APPEAL (SJ) No.2928 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-124 Year-2025 Thana- THAKURGANJ District- Kishanganj

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Srivatsa Sourav @ Srivatsa Saurav Son of Sri Satya Narayan Singh Resident of High School Path, New Market, PS and Dist- Katihar and Presently working as Senior Branch Manager, Bank of Baroda, Thakurganj Branch, Kishanganj

... .. Appellant/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar bihar
2. Atul Kumar son of Kaishav Prasad Resident of Bhim Balish Chowk, Thakurganj, Ward no. 4, PS - Thakurganj, Dist- Kishanganj

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Appellant/s	:	Mr. Sanjeev Shankar, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Sadanand Paswan, Spl.P.P.
		Mr. Sushmita Sekhar Pandey, Advocate

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

4 13-05-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned Special Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. No one appears on behalf of the informant.

3. This is an appeal under Section 14-A(2) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (hereinafter referred to as the “SC/ST Act”) against the refusal of prayer for anticipatory bail vide order dated 23.06.2025 passed by the learned 1st Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Kishanganj in connection with Thakurganj P.S. Case No. 124 of 2025 registered under Sections 126(2), 115(2), 352, 351(2) of the BNS as well as



Sections 3(1)(r), 3(1)(e) and 3(1)(s) of the SC/ST Act.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the appellant submits that appellant is a person with clean antecedent and the informant alleges that appellant without notice closed his CSP on 29.11.2024 and on 04.06.2025 he was intercepted by the appellant near Jilebiya crossing and the appellant caught his collar and abused by taking caste name and when the informant's friend, whom he was going to drop home, intervened, appellant assaulted both of them.

5. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that appellant has been falsely implicated in the instant case by the informant. It is further submitted that appellant is the Branch Manager of Bank of Baroda and the CSP being run by the informant was under the appellant. It is next submitted that there were many complaints against the informant, as such, the CSP was closed, hence, the instant false case came to be instituted with a view to coerce the appellant into submission. It is also submitted that informant alleges that on the date of occurrence i.e. 04.06.2025 he was going to drop his friend when he was intercepted by the appellant but then name of the friend is not disclosed. It is further submitted that it does not appear probable that appellant alone could have assaulted the informant and his



friend.

6. Learned Special Public Prosecutor for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the appellant.

7. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the appellant and taking into consideration the fact that appellant is the Branch Manager of Bank of Baroda, let the appellant, above-named, in the event of his arrest or surrender within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of the order, be released on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court where the case is pending in connection with the aforesaid case, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C./482(2) of the B.N.S.S.

8. Accordingly, the impugned order is set aside and this appeal stands allowed.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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