

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.61802 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-464 Year-2025 Thana- SAHARSA SADAR District- Saharsa

Sanjay Kumar Singh S/o Late Shaligram Singh Panel Advocate Saharsa Branch, Bank of India, resident of Mohalla- Kayasth Tola, Ward No. 30, Saharsa, P.S.- Saharsa, District- Saharsa

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. The Branch Manager, Bank of India, Saharsa, P.O. and P.S.- Saharsa, District- Saharsa Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Krishna Pd. Singh, Sr. Advocate Mr. Rakesh Singh
For the Opposite Party/s	:	Mr. Shailendra Kumar
For the Bank	:	Mr. Ajit Kumar Sinha, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

3 12-03-2026 Heard the learned Senior counsel for the petitioner, the learned counsel for the State and the learned counsel for the Bank.

2. The petitioner apprehends arrest in connection with Saharsa (Sadar) P.S. Case No. 464 of 2025 registered for offences under Sections 318(4), 316(2), 340(2), 338, 336(3) 61(2) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. The allegation is that the petitioner knowingly participated in a conspiracy with the borrower and the valuer to prepare and submit forged property-related documents, thereby helping the borrower obtain bank loans fraudulently.



4. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is quite innocent and has not committed any offence. He further submits that there is no *mens-rea* on the part of the petitioner and there is no similar antecedent.

5. Learned APP for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for bail.

6. I have considered the submissions of the parties and have gone through the records of the case. The allegation against the petitioner, who is an advocate, is that he has prepared due diligence report with regard to the property prior to the advancement of the loan. However, there is no specific allegation that he committed any fraud; rather, the allegation is limited to certain mismatches in the dates and numbers mentioned in the relevant documents.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this application for anticipatory bail is allowed.

8. Accordingly, let the petitioner, above-named, in the event of arrest or surrender within four weeks from today in the Court below, 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 learned Court below where the case is pending/successor Court in connection with



Saharsa (Sadar) P.S. Case No. 464 of 2025 subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS and with further condition that:-

At the time of furnishing bail bonds, the petitioner shall file an affidavit stating that he has resigned from the panel of all nationalized as well as private banks and that he shall not undertake any due diligence work for any bank in the future.

(Sandeep Kumar, J)

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