IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.67062 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC010962432026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-290 Year-2026 Thana- BAHADURGANJ District- Kishanganj

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Manu Ara Wife of Muslimuddin Resident of Chaukipur, Mathmara, P.S.- Behrampore (AG Nagar), District - Murshidabad (West Bengal).

... ... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Raj Kumar, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Abhay Kumar Roy, A.P.P.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA

ORAL ORDER

3 04-11-2026 Heard Mr. Raj Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Abhay Kumar Roy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. Petitioner seeks bail who has been in custody since 30.04.2026 in connection with Bahadurganj P.S. Case No. 290 of 2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act.

3. The prosecution case, in brief, is that on 29.04.2026, at about 06:00 P.M., the informant received information that certain persons were allegedly involved in immoral trafficking and prostitution activities in a house situated within the jurisdiction of Bahadurganj Police Station, wherein several women and girls were reportedly being exploited. Acting upon

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the said information, a police team proceeded to the spot at about 08:10 P.M. to verify the allegations and conduct a raid. During the raid, the police allegedly found certain persons present in the premises, some of whom attempted to flee upon seeing the police party. The police apprehended the persons present and conducted searches in accordance with the prescribed procedure, during which certain objectionable articles were allegedly recovered from the premises. It is further alleged that the persons apprehended during the raid disclosed that the petitioner, Manu Ara, was instrumental in bringing persons to the said premises for the purpose of engaging them in immoral trafficking and prostitution activities.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has clean antecedent and she has falsely been implicated in the present case. It is further submitted that the allegation as alleged in the FIR is forged and fabricated and the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged in the FIR. It is further submitted that it appears from the FIR that the petitioner was not present at the place of occurrence and the person who was apprehended from the place of occurrence has disclosed the name of the petitioner. It is next submitted that as per the allegation as alleged in the FIR the petitioner was

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involved in the immoral trafficking and prostitution activities. It is next submitted that the petitioner has been implicated in the present case on the allegation of being involved in immoral trafficking and prostitution activities. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that, apart from the statement of the co-accused, nothing has come during the course of investigation to suggest the involvement of the petitioner in the alleged offence. It is also submitted that the girl recovered from the place of occurrence refused to undergo medical examination. Learned counsel for the petitioner next submits that police after investigation has submitted charge-sheet and petitioner has been in custody since 30.04.2026.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor for State has vehemently opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances and the fact that petitioner has clean antecedent, let the petitioner, above named, be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kishanganj in connection with Bahadurganj P.S. Case No. 290 of 2026, subject to the following conditions:-

i. Petitioner shall co-operate in the trial and shall be

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properly represented on each and every date fixed by the court and shall remain physically present as directed by the court and on her absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, her bail bond shall be cancelled by the Court below.

ii. If the petitioner tampers with the evidence or the witnesses, in that case, the prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.

iii. And further condition that the court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case at any stage it is found that the petitioner has concealed her criminal antecedent, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the acceptance of bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

(Rajesh Kumar Verma, J)

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