IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.68826 of 2026
CNR No. BRHC010967392026
Arising Out of PS. Case No.-73 Year-2026 Thana- VIGILANCE District- Patna

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Raj Kumar Mishra s/o - Pramod Mishra R/O Mohalla - Pakadihar Ward No 14, P.s. - Chanpatiya, Dist.- West Champaran, Posted at Data Entry operator, Anchal- Bettiah Sadar, Dist.- Bettiah.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Through the Vigilance Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Vinod Pandey, Adv
For the Vigilance Unit : Mr. Arvind Kumar, Adv

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA SHEKHAR JHA

ORAL ORDER

3 06-11-2026 Heard the parties.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Vigilance P.S. Case No. 73/2026 registered for the offence under Section 7(a) of the Prevention and Corruption Act.

3. The petitioner is named in the F.I.R. and is in custody since 17.06.2026.

4. As per FIR, petitioner alleged to trap with Rs. 15,000/- while accepting bribe working as Data Entry Operator in Circle Office, Bettiah.

5. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that charge-sheet was submitted without ascertaining the voice sample of the petitioner as admittedly no voice sample of petitioner was drawn to confirm the audio script regarding demand of bribe. It is submitted that petitioner is Data

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Entry Opertator and he is not a custodian of the password regarding *jamabandi* and further submitted that no any petition for creating fresh *jamabandi* of informant was pending with the said office and, therefore, there was no occasion to demand of any bribe. Arguing further, it is submitted that there are several discrepancies regarding pre and post trap memorandum, which makes the allegation doubtful on its face. While concluding the argument, it is submitted that petitioner is a man of clean antecedent and moreover, investigation of this case has already completed, for which charge-sheet has been submitted, as such, there is no chance of tampering with the evidence.

6. Learned counsel for the Vigilance Unit, Govt. of Bihar while opposing the prayer of bail submitted that petitioner himself refused to give voice sample and it was the reason that the charge-sheet was submitted without ascertaining audio scripts matching with voice of the petitioner.

7. In view of aforesaid factual submission and by taking note of fact as prima-facie the charge-sheet appears submitted against petitioner without matching the audio script in want of voice sample of petitioner, coupled with fact as investigation of this case has already concluded, wherein petitioner remains in custody since 17.06.2026, accordingly

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petitioner above named, is directed to be released on bail in connection with Vigilance P.S. Case No. 73/2026 on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge, Vigilance, North Bihar, Muzaffarpur/concerned court, subject to the conditions as mentioned under Section 480(3) of BNSS.

(Chandra Shekhar Jha, J)

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