IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.77580 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011059622026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-681 Year-2023 Thana- SHEKHPURA District- Sheikhpura

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Kebi Prasad @ Panni S/o Arjun Prasad Resident of Village - Pali, P.S. - Kauwakol, District- Nawada.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. The Additional Director General Of Economic Offences Unit (EOU), Bihar, Patna

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Man Mohan Kumar, Advocate
	:	Mr. Arjun Prasad, Advocate
For the EOU	:	Mr. V.N.P. Sinha, Sr. Advocate
	:	Mr. Vijay Anand, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Jagdhar Prasad, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DR. ANSHUMAN

ORAL ORDER

2 05-11-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Senior counsel Mr. V.N.P. Sinha with Mr. Vijay Anand, Advocate, appearing on behalf of the Economic Offence Unit and learned A.P.P for the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends arrest in connection with Sheikhpura P.S. Case No. 681 of 2023, lodged on 01.10.2023, for the offences punishable under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468 & 471 of the Indian Penal Code and under

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Section 10 of the Bihar Conduct of Examination Act, 1981, pending in the Court of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sheikhpura.

3. As per the prosecution, the FIR has been lodged against 13 named accused persons including the present petitioner with allegation that at the time of conduction of examination of Central Selection Board of Constables (CSBC) recruitment, the accused persons were using electronic means, i.e., walkie-talkie, bluetooth, smart watch. The specific allegation against the petitioner that the co-accused Ajit Kumar has disclosed and from his mobile, it has been found that from the whatsapp, answer sheet has been received to the petitioner and with the help of electronic device, he was providing help to other students in the examination.

4. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. Counsel submits that there is no specific allegation against the petitioner nor he was even present at the place of occurrence. The only allegation has come that on the mobile of one of the apprehended accused persons, whatsapp chat has been received from the petitioner which is alleged to be the answer sheet of the examination paper. Counsel submits that there is

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no material against the petitioner whether the whatsapp has been received from the petitioner's mobile or from other which has also not been ascertained from the competent agency. Counsel submits that petitioner is intermediary and he is innocent under the IT Act and he is completely unaware of the fact. Counsel further submits that antecedent of the petitioner is clean and he has unnecessarily been made accused in this case. Counsel submits that petitioner is ready to fulfill all the conditions whatsoever shall be imposed upon him.

5. Learned Senior Counsel for the Economic Offence Unit has vehemently opposes the prayer for bail and submits that upon verification of the mobile of apprehended accused, it has been found that the answer sheet and the answer of examination of Central Selection Board of Constables (CSBC) recruitment received in the mobile of one of the apprehended co-accused to the whatsapp of his *mama* (Panni), the present petitioner, was same and the apprehended accused persons disclosed that help was provided to the accused persons and other participants with the means of electronic device, i.e., walkie-talkie, bluetooth and smart watch.

6. This Court upon perusal of such allegation as mentioned in the FIR as well as the rejection order, which has

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been passed upon verification of the case-diary, not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Hence, the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner is refused.

(Dr. Anshuman, J)

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