IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.76688 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011071502026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-48 Year-2026 Thana- KHARIK District- Bhagalpur

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Mahesh Mandal @ Mahesh Kumar Mandal @ Pato Mandal S/o Late Faudari Mandal Resident of Village- Chorhar, P.S.-Kharik, District- Bhagalpur.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Pratima Devi W/O Avdhesh Mandal Resident of Village- Chorhar, P.S.-Kharik, District- Bhagalpur.

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Gajendra Kumar Jha, Adv
Mr. Santosh Kumar Jha, Adv
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Dilip Kumar No. 1, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK KUMAR SINHA

ORAL ORDER

2 04-11-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in connection with Kharik P.S. Case No. 48 of 2026 registered for the offence punishable under Sections 308(2), 308(5), 74, 76 and 3(5) of B.N.S.

3. The case of the prosecution, in short, as per the informant is that her husband works as a labourer in Delhi, while she resides alone in the village. On 21.12.2025, the accused persons allegedly recorded a video of her in a compromising position through a window. On 28.12.2025, they

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showed her the video and threatened to upload it on Facebook unless she paid ₹50,000. Fearing social humiliation, the informant paid ₹25,000 to Manish Mandal on 25.01.2026. Subsequently, on 10.02.2026, the applicants allegedly visited her house, misbehaved with her, and demanded the remaining amount, again threatening to make the video viral on Facebook.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has not committed any offence. He has falsely been implicated in the present case due to village politics. He further submits that co-accused Manish Mandal has been granted regular bail by the court below and the petitioner has no criminal antecedent.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer of anticipatory bail.

6. From reading of the FIR, the allegation is against the petitioner and one Manish Mandal. Manish Mandal has been granted regular bail by the court below, which is reflected from the impugned order. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent. Under these circumstances, this Court is inclined to grant privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Let the petitioner, named above, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the Court below within four weeks

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from today, 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 District and Additional Sessions Judge, 2nd , Naugachhiya in connection with Kharik P.S. Case No. 48 of 2026, subject to the conditions laid down under section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and subject to the further condition that:-

(i) the petitioner shall co-operate in the investigation/trial.

(ii) the learned Court would, however, verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case it is found that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedent, the Court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, it is expected that the verification process would be done expeditiously without causing any delay.

(Alok Kumar Sinha, J)

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