IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.74178 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011084692026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-490 Year-2022 Thana- GOVINDGANJ District- East Champaran

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Bhulan Das S/o Jhapas Das R/o Mathiya Chhatauni, Ward No 17, Ps Chhatauni, District - East Champaran, Motihari.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Nafisu Zzoha, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Shantanu Kumar, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR PANDEY

ORAL ORDER

2 23-11-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP for the State.

2. The instant application for anticipatory bail has been filed by the petitioner apprehending his arrest in connection with Govindganj P.S. Case No. 490 of 2022, instituted for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 379, 384 and 411/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. The prosecution case, in brief, is that the informant received a call on his mobile phone, and the Truecaller application showed the caller's name as Srikant Tiwary. It is alleged that the caller had lured the informant into purchasing real gold at a lower price. Thereafter, the informant, along with

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his brother, reached Radhiya, within the jurisdiction of Govindganj Police Station, where they were taken to a house. The informant had agreed to purchase gold for a sum of Rs. 4,20,000/-, which was handed over in cash to the accused persons. However, the gold was not handed over to the informant. Thereafter, 8–10 persons arrived at the place and threatened the informant and his brother. In the meantime, the police arrived at the spot. It is further alleged that the informant somehow managed to get his cash back.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the name of the petitioner does not find mention in the F.I.R. During the course of investigation, the name of the petitioner surfaced as one of the persons amongst the 8–10 persons who had allegedly arrived at the place of occurrence and threatened the informant. It is further submitted that the informant had gone to the said place pursuant to a call made by other persons and the only allegation against the petitioner is that he was present there along with others. There is no specific allegation of cheating against the petitioner. It is also submitted that a similarly situated co-accused has already been granted bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent.

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5. Learned APP appearing for the State has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, as stated above, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned Court below within a period of four weeks from today. In the event of his arrest or surrender in connection with Govindganj P.S. Case No. 490 of 2022, the petitioner shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, East Champaran, Motihari, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C./Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

(Ashok Kumar Pandey, J)

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