IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.77720 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011103322026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-343 Year-2026 Thana- BHAGWANPUR HAT District- Siwan

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Pankaj Singh @ Pankaj Kumar Singh Son of Satendra Singh @ Satyendra Singh Resident of Village- Bhikhampur, P.S.- Bhagwanpur Hat, District- Siwan

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Harsh Anuj, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Mohammed Arif, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR PANDEY

ORAL ORDER

2 18-11-2026 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 Bhagwanpur Hat P.S. Case No. 343 of 2026 instituted for the offence under Section 303(2) of the B.N.S., 2023.

3. The case of the prosecution, in short, is that the petitioner, who was working at the informant's shop, allegedly stolen utensils worth Rs. 3,50,000/- and sold the same to Prakash Jewellers, Main Road, Bashantpur. It is further alleged that a *panchayati* was held in this regard, during which the

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petitioner allegedly inflicted injuries upon himself with *knife* and threatened the informant by stating that he would falsely implicate all the persons.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. He has been falsely implicated in the present case. He also submits that from perusal of the FIR, it transpires that though there is allegation that a *panchayati* was held but there is no date of *panchayati*. He further submits that the petitioner had approached the S.H.O. and the Superintendent of Police regarding the non-payment of his arrears of wages. The petitioner has stated that he was working at the informant's shop on a monthly salary of Rs. 10,000/-, out of which only Rs. 3,000/- was paid to him and when he demanded payment of his outstanding wages, the informant allegedly assaulted him. He further submits that even the informant, in the F.I.R., has admitted that the petitioner had received a knife injury. This, according to learned counsel, goes to show that the petitioner is the victim of this case and that the present case has been filed only with a view to usurp wages and arrears of the petitioner.

5. In contra, learned APP appearing for the State has opposed the prayer of bail of the petitioner and submits that the

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petitioner has got criminal antecedent of one case.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and in the facts and circumstances of the case as stated above, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. The petitioner is directed to surrender in the Court below within a period of four weeks' from today and in the event of his arrest or surrender in connection with Bhagwanpur Hat P.S. Case No. 343 of 2026, he will be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned A.C.J.M.-VII, Siwan subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S.

(Ashok Kumar Pandey, J)

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