

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.79290 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-50 Year-2023 Thana- EKCHARI District- Bhagalpur

Laxman Kumar S/o Pairu Mandal R/o village - Bakharpur, P.S - Bakharpur,
District - Bhagalpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. ABC D/o XYZ (Informant) Resident of - Khwaspur, P.S - Ekchari, District - Bhagalpur

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Diwakar Upadhyaya, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Jai Narain Thakur, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY
ORAL ORDER

4 01-04-2026 Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The petitioner has preferred this application for grant of regular bail in connection with POCSO Case no.172 of 2023 arising out of Ekchari P.S. Case no.50 of 2023 registered under section 376 of the Indian Penal Code and sections 4 and 8 of the POCSO Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, the informant states that the petitioner on the pretext of marriage physically exploited her for two years and ultimately refused to marry her.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case. Both the parties are major and the relationship between them were consensual in nature.



The petitioner is in custody since 10.7.2025 and has no criminal antecedent. He undertakes to cooperate in the investigation/trial.

5. The application for bail is opposed by learned APP for the State who submits that the victim is a minor and in her statement under section 164 of the Cr.P.C. / 183 of the B.N.S.S., she states that besides physically exploiting her, the petitioner also made her objectionable photographs viral on social media.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the allegations against the petitioner in the FIR and specially the statement of the minor victim under section 164 of the Cr.P.C. / 183 of the B.N.S.S. before the Magistrate, the Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail and the application is rejected.

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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