

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL REVISION No.1374 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-401 Year-2025 Thana- FORBESGANJ District- Araria

Khushboo Khatoon D/o Late Tajuddin through her guardian Sister in law,
Bibi Yasmin @ Yasmin Khatun, W/o Md. Salam, R/o Vill - Referral Road,
ward no. 3, P.S.- Forbesganj, Distt.- Araria.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Respondent

Appearance :

For the Petitioner	:	Mr. Ramesh Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Shantanu Kumar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR JHA
ORAL ORDER

4 21-07-2026 Heard learned counsels for the parties.

2. From perusal of record, it transpires that in the revision petition, the identity details of the petitioner / child in conflict with law (for brevity, "CICL") is being disclosed, which is against the statutory provisions prescribed under Section 74 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which mandates protection of disclosure of identity of the CICL. Therefore, the identity of the CICL would hereinafter be referred as X.

3. Office is directed to mask the name of the petitioner / CICL in record and on the website.

4. The petitioner has challenged the order dated 14.11.2025 passed by the learned 6th Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special (POCSO) Court, Araria in Forbesganj P.S. Case No. 401 of 2025 corresponding to Special POCSO Case No. 73 of 2025, whereby and whereunder the prayer of the petitioner, Bibi Yasmin



Khatoon for release of her minor sister-in-law, who has been apprehended in connection with the aforesaid case has been rejected.

5. From perusal of the impugned order I do not find any illegality or infirmity or impropriety. However, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, after some arguments, submits that the victim girl has attained majority on 01.01.2026, still she is being kept in the *Balika Grih*, Katihar against her wishes. Learned counsel seeks permission of this Court to approach the learned Special POCSO Court, Araria with the prayer to release the victim girl and allow her to go to the place of her choice since she has attained majority.

6. In the light of submissions made on behalf of the petitioner, the present revision petition is disposed of.

7. It goes without saying that if the victim girl has attained majority, she is at liberty to move before the Special POCSO Court, Araria with prayer to allow her to go to the place of her choice and if any such application is filed before the Special POCSO Court, Araria, the same would be considered and disposed of by the Court concerned in accordance with law.

(Arun Kumar Jha, J)

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