

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.2752 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-159 Year-2025 Thana- KHAIRA District- Saran

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1. Rahul Kumar Manjhi @ Rahul Kumar S/o- Basudeo Manjhi @ Basudeo Kumar @ Vasudeo Manjhi R/v- Varnpura PS- Khaira Dist- Saran
 2. Pankaj K Umar Manjhi @ Pankaj Kumar S/o- Basudeo Manjhi @ Basudeo Kumar @ Vasudeo Manjhi R/v- Varnpura PS- Khaira Dist- Saran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Binod Kumar Sinha, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISH KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 04-02-2026 Heard the learned Advocate for the petitioners,

learned Advocate for the informant and the learned Additional

Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Khaira P.S. Case No. 159 of 2025, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 126(2), 115(2), 109, 118(1), 351(2), 352 and 3(5) of the BNS.

3. On the fateful day, while the informant was going to some destination, in the meanwhile, four persons riding on two motorcycle came there and surrounded her and caught her hand with bad intention. It is further alleged that on protest, the accused persons inflicted knife blow. The informant also



identified the petitioners and others, who were involved in the incidence. It is specifically alleged that it is Pankaj Kumar Manjhi @ Pankaj Kumar (petitioner no. 2), who has inflicted knife blow due to which she sustained injury.

4. Learned Advocate for the petitioners submitted that just prior to the occurrence, the father of the petitioners has instituted Khaira P.S. Case No. 86 of 2025 on 27.04.2025 against the brother of the informant with an allegation that he enticed away his daughter. The present case is nothing but a counter blast and the name of the petitioners have been knowingly implicated with a view to put pressure and wreck vengeance. Even if the allegation taken to be true, the specific accusation of inflicting knife blow is levelled against Pankaj Kumar Manjhi @ Pankaj Kumar (petitioner no. 2). So far the petitioner no. 1 (Rahul Kumar Manjhi @ Rahul Kumar) is concerned, save and except he is said to be one of the accused present at the place of occurrence, there is no specific accusation. It is lastly contended that both the petitioners undertake that they will fully co-operate in the proceeding of the Court.

5. On the other hand, learned Advocate for the State and the informant opposed the pre-arrest bail application and



submits that there is specific accusation against the petitioners of causing assault and outraging the modesty of a woman, who was walking alone in the public pathway. Learned Advocate for the informant further submits that so far the petitioner no. 2 (Pankaj Kumar Manjhi @ Pankaj Kumar), he is also carrying some criminal antecedent in connection with Khaira P.S. Case No. 198 of 2025 and this fact has been suppressed by the petitioner no. 2.

6. Having considered the submissions advanced by learned Advocate for the respective parties and taking note of the specific accusation against the petitioner no. 2, which led to grievous injury, besides he has also suppressed his criminal antecedent, this Court is not acceded to the prayer for bail of the petitioner no. 2. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner no. 2 (***Pankaj Kumar Manjhi @ Pankaj Kumar***) stands rejected.

7. So far the petitioner no. 1 is concerned, considering the omnibus nature of allegation and his fair antecedent, let the petitioner no. 1 (***Rahul Kumar Manjhi @ Rahul Kumar***) be released on bail, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the court below within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order, upon furnishing bail



bonds of Rs.10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Saran, Chapra in connection with Khaira P.S. Case No. 159 of 2025, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with the further condition that one of the bailors shall be the own/close family members of the petitioner.

(Harish Kumar, J)

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